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Editorial

Well, another year has arrived and, as usual, we have some great articles awaiting your optical digestion. First up is part one of Stephen Lendman's comprehensive review of William Engdahl's book *Seeds of Destruction*. As you can probably guess, it is about all things to do with seeds and food and the monopolisation and modification thereof. Let's face the fact that a mere handful of transnational corporations are about to achieve total monopolisation of the global food supply. They don't want anything to grow without their chemicalised and genetically engineered consent. And given that food crops are failing due to weather pattern changes, together with the trend for grains like corn to be grown not for food but for biofuel subsidies, we are in for a food shortage. My advice is to go out and buy seeds from independent seed companies—seeds that will grow without Monsanto's approval—and plant them anywhere you can.

On a more positive note, I was trolling the Internet recently when I came across a remarkable free book, all about how one humble guy—in fact, a guy called Jim Humble—cured himself and many thousands of others of malaria. After reading all about it, I decided this is *must-read* material for NEXUS readers. As usual, I have had to select six pages from over 100 pages of really useful and interesting information about what actually cures malaria (and AIDS and other diseases). The substance that is the key is chlorine dioxide—the most powerful pathogen-killer known to man. It cures malaria within a couple of hours. It also cures other diseases that I am not allowed to mention here.

Speaking of the corrupt modern medical system, if you live in a western country and have to go to hospital for any operation or procedure, you now have a 50 per cent chance of getting a worse disease just from being in the hospital if you live in the UK, and a 35–40 per cent chance if you live in Australia, Canada or the USA. In other words, modern medicine in the main has failed us and is only surviving due to propaganda and by tightening the rules about what can be said in relation to health. Retired biochemist Walter Last has penned a great article that summarises how the modern medical system is killing more people than it saves—but fortunately he has many common-sense solutions.

Still on the subject of exploding myths, NEXUS has already exposed Tibetan Buddhism as one of the institutionalised religions used ruthlessly to crush and rule the masses, and this article by Dr Michael Parenti shows how the lamas and monks treated the people with cruelty and kept them in fear. By now, readers will have realised that there is *no* religion which is *not* a tool of control. *All* religions are used to rule the masses. *All* religions are based on lies and deception, and their leaders don't necessarily practise what they preach. Dump them! That's not to deride having a spiritual sensibility, of course.

Dr Michael Salla sent me a comprehensive article on how the various "alphabet" agencies (particularly in the USA) have run programs to discredit, debunk and even "neutralise" extraterrestrial contactees and supporters on the pretext of their threat to national security.

I'm thrilled to have an article penned by the legendary Brad Steiger. Brad was writing books about off-world visitors to Earth and ancient civilisations even before Erich von Däniken. I think Brad has now written or co-written 165 titles on things strange, unusual or forgotten. I can honestly say that if I hadn't read some of his early books, I probably would not be sitting here right now doing NEXUS!

It seems that there's a growing number of high-level whistleblowers coming out of late, saying that Earth is about to experience some sudden and dramatic "changes". Some are saying these will be biological diseases designed to reduce the population; others are saying these will be caused by a passing planetary body that results in major earthquakes and tidal waves. Either way, members of the ruling elite are getting close to climbing into their underground survival bunker-cities. In the coming months, you'll hear of more whistleblowers, like the Norwegian politician whose story is extracted for Twilight Zone this edition. Yes, these cities do exist, and if you're reading this editorial the chances are that you aren't on the guest list!

Stay tuned...

Duncan

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Letters to the Editor ...

Bali Bombing Subterfuge

Dear Duncan: In 2002 on the night of the explosion at the Sari Club at Kuta, Bali, *Jakarta Post* executive editor Robert S. Finnegan (a former USMC NCO) sent his team of journalists and photographers to the ground-zero site to record the event that had transpired, capture the images of horror, take soil samples and archive everything that was going on.

What they found was absolutely incredible. The evidence and eyewitness testimonies and even the photographs were uncovering a web of CIA involvement in the terrible tragedy. They discovered that the Sari Club device was much more "technical and sophisticated" than the device Amrozi and Samudra had been charged with using.

The US Ambassador to Indonesia and close associate of George W. Bush, Ralph Boyce, was absolutely furious. He seized all the evidence the *Jakarta Post* team had collected, effectively terminated the newspaper's investigation and had the entire *Jakarta Post* team fired from their positions—including Finnegan, who also had his visa cut, therefore rendering him unable to stay in the country further. Despite this, to this day he and his *Jakarta Post* team of journalists still continue their investigations in secret, in undisclosed locations around the globe.

In January 2007, I managed to track down one of these reporters in Switzerland. He had uncovered the fact that the flight log books at Bali's Ngurah Rai Airport had been tampered with. After a very interesting interview, he connected me with Mr Finnegan and thus began a 12-month-long research quest which culminated in the intention to release information for Indonesian and ultimately Australian consumption.

For more on the truth about the Bali bombings, see <http://ozboyfile.realrepublic.com>.

Kind regards,
Steve, Australia

Dreams of Asteroid Disaster

Hello Duncan: I don't know if you will take seriously what I am about to say. It might even sound a little out there, but from reading NEXUS I presume that you are open about things. Well, here it goes.

I have been having dreams (strong dreams, mind you) about something big hitting Earth and causing a lot of problems (at first I thought these were just some weird fantasies).

The way the dream goes is that I am sitting on my bed watching TV. I hear the local flood sirens going off. It feels weird as it feels all so real. I turn back to the TV and a news broadcaster is looking a little uncomposed and talking to someone important, saying that they don't know where it is going to hit and that countries and people are panicking. There are quick screen shots from cities with people acting crazy. I sit there, trying to get a grip. Is this real? I go outside and the sky looks strange, like it is on fire as though all the clouds have burnt away, red, orange and black. "We are dead," I hear in the background. I wake up, getting my bearings.

These dreams have become more frequent and more intense in vividness. I have the feeling that there are people out there now who know about this impending disaster and refuse to tell the general public. But then if they did, would that change what is going to happen? Should people be let to live in ignorant bliss of impending doom?

I have had other dreams that have come about and have kicked myself for not telling others about them.

My question or request is to you, Duncan: has anyone else apart from me said something

along similar lines? I have the feeling this is going to be a big event to happen within the next three years. Maybe it can explain why the weather is going haywire. (I personally don't believe in the political global warming spin.) I hope this does not happen because it is not just going to affect only one country but the whole world.

Pete, Australia

[Dear Pete: Thanks for taking the time to share your dream. You ask whether others are having similar dreams, and my answer is an emphatic "Yes!"—especially over the last few months. I hope to get permission to print one such vision, which involves a very large earthquake off the coast of China in late June/early July this year—a 9.9 on the Richter scale. Ed.]

Pyramid Construction Insight

Hello Duncan: Your magazine is a breath of freedom in a world where most media are under strict control, and I know many people who appreciate it. An old friend of mine stated recently: "Well, they can lock me away in isolation so long as they give me NEXUS magazine to read."

My own work is not being acknowledged by the mass media to any extent that it deserves, thus I have to battle on. I have given an interview on local ABC radio and am on Fairfax Digital where my story has been in the top ratings every day since 12 September 2007.

Let me explain. In 2006, over the weekend of 26 and 27 August, I was researching Egyptian pyramid construction for a university assignment. At the time I was well aware of what Herodotus of Halicarnassus documented concerning Egyptian pyramid construction. It was late afternoon on the Sunday that I found myself immersed in chapter six, "Tools and Their Application", of Dieter Arnold's

Building in Egypt: Pharaonic Stone Masonry, when two lots of information suddenly merged, providing me the insight to a startling revelation which put me into a mental and physical state of real shock, forcing me to lie on my bed and relax for about half an hour while concentrating on returning my breathing to normal rate.

I had just discovered an ancient type of pulley hitherto unknown in the modern world that suddenly explained many things to me, even beyond the pyramids.

My trade of mechanical fitting coupled with numerous engineering studies and ancient history each played their part, combining to produce a dramatic explosion of breathtaking knowledge such as I have never experienced before or since.

From that moment I was, and still am, thoroughly convinced, as to how the Egyptian pyramids (namely, Sneferu's Red Pyramid at Saqqara and those on the Giza Plateau) were built.

Feedback from people who have read my work is overwhelmingly supportive and positive. My work, if I may be so modest, is the "Ockham's razor" or *lex parsimoniae* of the Egyptian pyramid-building technique for which many people have long been searching and yearning. My website is <http://www.haitheory.com>.

Best regards,

Paul Hai, Mount Isa, Queensland, Australia, email haitheory@gmail.com

Wikipedia Bias on Big Pharma

Dear Duncan: Thank you for running the important article on Wikipedia bias (vol. 14, no. 6). We in the alternative healthcare community have noted that this bias is especially severe with regard to advanced healthcare therapies that are not part of the Big Pharma agenda. The author is correct that there is a "sceptic" (and "Quackwatch") posse that uses Wikipedia to denigrate advanced therapies.

... more Letters to the Editor

NB: Please keep letters to approx. 150 to 250 words in length. Ed.

We see the same gang using sophisticated interweavings of Wiki articles, web rings and other online techniques to "control" information about complementary and alternative modalities (CAM) in ways that harm the public but help Big Pharma. There is some evidence that PR firms with close corporate connections are behind this abuse of the Internet, as WikiScanner shows.

This attack coordinates with the efforts of Big Pharma through Codex Alimentarius and the North American Union (similar to attacks in the European Union, Australia and New Zealand) to prevent the public from receiving truthful and not misleading information about nutrients and their value in preventing the many diseases of undernutrition and malnutrition: diabetes, cancer, heart disease and so on.

A number of people in the advanced healthcare community in the US are seeking to establish alternatives to these tainted media, and good alternative information can be found on websites such as the Institute for Health Research (www.inhere.org) and the Natural Solutions Foundation (www.globalhealthfreedom.org), so we urge NEXUS readers to look out for important initiatives in this area in 2008, especially with Dr Ron Paul's strong support for healthcare freedom of choice, the Global Health Freedom site being especially important in this regard.

Ralph Fucetola, JD, The VitaminLawyer.com Consultancy, USA, website <http://www.vitaminlawyer.com>

Punishment for Speaking Out

Dear Duncan: My sincere apologies for my last-minute pullout as a guest speaker at your recent NEXUS Conference and for the inconvenience it must have caused you. As you know, it was way outside my control, and just yesterday [27

November 2007] I got out of prison.

I went to court on a minor traffic infringement, on 12 October 2007, that netted a \$100 fine. I was then arrested and handcuffed, not read my rights, stripsearched, had my shoes, socks and belt removed, was not shown any paperwork or charge sheet and not allowed a phone call. I was specifically not allowed to contact a lawyer or even arrange for someone to pick up my children from school.

I was secreted in front of the same magistrate who was kindly "staying back in his lunch hour, just to try my case". They had already discussed bail and refused it in my absence. Without my permission, the court appointed a solicitor to represent me and this prevented me from speaking in my defence in court. Twice I asked if I could speak and was twice denied permission.

I ended up receiving a six-month prison sentence and two years' loss of licence on completely trumped-up nonsense including contempt of court. I was featured in the *Gold Coast Bulletin's* "Shame File" under "Drink Driving", even though I was never breathalised or charged with this and am actually a non-drinker.

I am now awaiting charge sheets and court transcripts. Fortunately, I was released after serving one month.

The crazy thing is that I was debating with my publisher John Bannister (Joshua Books) just the week before the traffic incident about whether Fritz Springmeier's story could possibly be true. As you would know, Fritz wrote *Bloodlines of the Illuminati* and other Illuminati exposés and is currently serving time. His wife says he was framed for armed robbery. I had trouble believing this sort of thing was possible. I now know differently.

I am a university graduate, a long-term Rotarian, self-

employed, the director of four companies, a life member of Tattersall's Club and a board member of the Royal Brisbane Hospital's fundraising committee. I am a single dad with three children at private schools. I don't drink or smoke, do drugs or cause trouble, except to reveal the findings of my archaeological research as an author.

I don't want to push any conspiracy theory, Duncan. However, my next book, *Tears in Heaven*, really rattles some chains and will piss off some very high-level people. I had spent hours preparing my NEXUS talk based on much of this research. I was very effectively prevented from presenting it.

I was quizzed about "hating the Queen" by the arresting officer, and again several times in the watchhouses—which certainly indicates somehow they were referring to my writing. I was held totally incommunicado in custody for nine days without being allowed a phone call until the day after my planned NEXUS talk, then right after that, without notice, was transferred to a prison farm early the next morning.

Naturally, we are seeking retribution at the highest level.

Thank you for your support and understanding, Duncan, and, again, my apologies for your inconvenience and that of the attendees.

Regards always,

Ian Ross Vayro, Queensland, Australia

[Dear Ian: Apologies accepted. You'll be pleased to know that we've reviewed your new book in this edition. Ed.]

Evidence for Giants

Hi Duncan: My name is Patrick Cooke and, by way of introduction, I am a contributing writer for *UFO Digest* and *Alien Seeker News*. I am contacting you concerning an article which appeared in your vol. 12, no. 4,

2005 issue, under "The Twilight Zone". The Contents page intro reads: "This issue includes a 1535 account of an expedition into the depths of the mysterious Breitenwinner Cave". In this account, Buchner speaks of giant human bones, huge skulls, statues and ghosts in the cave.

I have recently made contact with a man named Danny (surname held on request), a combat photographer who recently explored the Breitenwinner Cave. In 2003, I posted the same 1535 account of that cave, which you published in 2005, in the "Giants" section on my website, The Bible UFO Connection (<http://www.bibleufo.com/>). On 8 November of this year [2007], I received an email from Danny, which reads:

"You wrote of Breitenwinner Cave in Bavaria. I just got out of the Army and was stationed at the Joint Multinational Training Center, now known as the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, a NATO training facility which now surrounds this cave."

He went on to say: "Two friends also stationed here and myself accidentally stumbled across this cave which was located near what we call Checkpoint 35; those ever stationed here will know where that is. We had a video camera with us and found thousands of bones that were of huge proportion."

I was able to get Danny on the air within 24 hours to reveal his exploration, and the paradigm has been gaining exposure ever since on talk shows and in several other sources.

I have created a website dedicated to this emerging story: <http://www.cavelore.com/>. All current information about this story can be found on that website, including a video of Danny's exploration and audio interviews.

Thank you,
Patrick Cooke, USA

[Dear Patrick: Interesting! I look forward to more news. Ed.]

NEW-ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Advanced Energy Research Organization, LLC (AERO), headed by CEO Dr Steven M. Greer, is offering an up-front US\$200,000 licensing award and a minimum \$5 million two-year royalty program for a qualifying new-energy breakthrough.

The company, based in Charlottesville, Virginia, is leading a worldwide search for promising out-of-the-box inventors and scientists who have provable energy-generation inventions that need support, further development and widespread public exposure.

Over the past 100 years, many major energy breakthroughs have withered on the vine, died with the inventor or been absorbed into secretive corporate or government programs. It is AERO's mission to see that these new technologies are protected, supported and massively disclosed to the public so that we can go beyond our current addiction to oil, gas and coal and begin a new, sustainable era in human history.

AERO says it is uniquely qualified to see that such technological innovations make it to market: "Our network includes 'A-list' celebrities, Nobel Prize winners, current and former heads of state and millions of people who follow our work. The inventor or team that has a qualifying system for energy generation will have the full force, support and



protection of this unique, global network."

"The invention must be already built, robust and running reliably, with a net exportable (usable) power output of at least one kilowatt or greater. The system must use no power from the power grid, and if batteries or capacitors are used they must remain fully charged. The system must create no greenhouse gases or other polluting emissions and must be a closed-loop system (that is, the output energy is sufficient to run the energy needs of the system and also provide the minimum one kilowatt of usable net power)."

To view the criteria list or to apply for this award program, visit www.aero2012.com.
(Source: AERO press release, 1 Nov 2007)

AUSTRALIA'S IDENTITY CARD DUMPED

The incoming Australian Labor Government has moved quickly to scrap the Howard administration's controversial AUD\$1.1 billion Human Services Access Card.

The \$1.1 billion project—intended to provide every Australian with a unique health and welfare number and biometric photo on a smartcard—has languished since mid-2007, after an all-party Senate committee rejected the draft-enabling legislation as wholly inadequate and lacking in protections against the card's use as a *de facto* identity card. Bidders are understood to have spent millions on preparing their tenders for systems

integration and card issuing, and the Office of the Access Card has spent more than \$50 million on consultants, administration and advertising.

Although the Australian government attempted to paint the Access Card system as a "Human Services Access Card", there's little doubt that it would have doubled as an effective national ID system. Information printed on the card was to include one's name, photo, signature and entitlements, e.g., with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Encrypted information contained within the card's RFID chip would have included a person's legal name, date of birth, gender, address, signature, card number, card expiration date and Medicare number. Provisions were also included that would allow additional information deemed to be necessary for "the administration or purposes of the Act".

Australians are unhappy about the idea of being forced to carry a unique ID card merely for the purpose of interacting with basic human and health services, and the proposal faced opposition from its inception.

(Sources: The Australian, 7 December 2007, <http://tinyurl.com/ypeygs>; arstechnica, 24 December 2007, <http://tinyurl.com/2hbufz>)

FORMER ITALIAN PRESIDENT SAYS 9/11 AN INSIDE JOB

Former Italian President Francesco Cossiga, who revealed the existence of Operation *Gladio*, has told Italy's oldest and most widely read newspaper that the



9/11 terrorist attacks were run by the CIA and Mossad, and that this was common knowledge among global intelligence agencies. In what translates awkwardly into English, Cossiga told the newspaper *Corriere della Sera*:

"All the [intelligence services] of America and Europe...know well that the disastrous attack has been planned and realised from the Mossad, with the aid of the Zionist world, in order to put under accusation the Arabic countries and in order to induce the western powers to take part...in Iraq [and] Afghanistan."

Cossiga was elected President of the Italian Senate in July 1983 before winning a landslide election to become President of the country in 1985, and he remained in power until 1992.

Cossiga's tendency to be outspoken upset the Italian political establishment, and he was forced to resign after revealing the existence of, and his part in setting up, Operation *Gladio*. This was a rogue intelligence network under NATO auspices that carried out bombings across Europe in the 1960s–1980s. *Gladio's* speciality was to carry out what was termed "false flag" operations—terror attacks that were blamed on their domestic and geopolitical opposition.

In March 2001, *Gladio* agent Vincenzo Vinciguerra stated, in sworn testimony: "You had to attack civilians, the people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple: to force...the public to turn to the state to ask for greater security."

Cossiga's assertion that the 9/11 attacks were an inside job and that this is common knowledge among global intelligence agencies cannot be ignored, especially as it comes from a widely respected former head of state.

(Source: American Free Press, no. 52, 24 December 2007, http://www.americanfreepress.net/html/9-11_solved118.html)

FOOD SUPPLY AS THE NEXT GLOBAL CRISIS

A new crisis is emerging—a global food catastrophe that will reach further and be more crippling than anything the world has ever seen. The credit crunch and the reverberations of soaring oil prices around the world will pale in comparison to what is about to transpire, said Donald Coxe, global portfolio strategist at BMO Financial Group, at the Empire Club's 14th

annual investment outlook conference in Toronto in early January.

"It's not a matter of if, but when," he warned investors. "It's going to hit this year hard."

Mr Coxe said that the sharp rise in raw food prices experienced in the past year will intensify in the next few years, amid increased demand for meat and dairy products from the growing middle classes of countries such as China and India and heavy demand from the biofuels industry.

The impact of tighter food supply is already evident in raw food prices, which have risen 22 per cent in the past year. Wheat prices alone have risen 92 per cent in the last 12 months.

At the centre of the imminent food catastrophe is corn, the main staple of the ethanol industry. The price of corn has risen about 44 per cent over the past 15 months. This has not only had an impact on the price of food products made using grains but also on the price of meat, with feed prices for livestock also increasing.

"You're going to have real problems in countries that are food short, because we're already getting embargoes on food exports from countries who were trying desperately to sell their stuff before, but now they're embargoing exports," he said, citing Russia and India as examples. "Those who have food are going to have a big edge."

With 54 per cent of the world's corn supply grown in America's Midwest, the USA is one of those countries with an edge.

But Mr Coxe warned that America's corn exports are in danger of seizing up in about

three years' time if the country continues to subsidise ethanol production. Biofuels are expected to eat up about a third of America's grain harvest in 2008.

(Source: Financial Post, Canada, 7 January 2008, <http://www.financialpost.com/story.html?id=213343>)

UK AND USA ARE "ENDEMIC SURVEILLANCE SOCIETIES"

The US and the UK are "endemic surveillance societies", in the same league as China and Russia, says an annual report examining privacy protection globally. Released last month [December 2007] by the advocacy groups Privacy International of the UK and the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) in Washington, DC, the 2007 report also finds an increase in surveillance and a decline in privacy safeguards globally compared to 2006.

According to the report, the USA was in the bottom group for the first time, following the signing into law of amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which permits spying on international phone calls and emails without a warrant. Just as it did last year, the UK earned bottom place thanks to its network of surveillance cameras (the world's largest) plus plans to roll out national identity cards that are rich with personal and biometric information but with little government accountability when personal information is lost. The UK government "has access to its people and technology that China doesn't", says Gus



Hosein of Privacy International.

"There is a rapid expansion of technologies for surveillance, identification and border control, and a much slower adoption of policies to safeguard privacy and security," adds EPIC's Marc Rotenberg.

Despite this, John Palfrey of the Open Net Initiative in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, says that the position in China and Russia is worse than in the USA because they lack constitutional privacy protection. The only country judged to have "adequate safeguards" is Greece, where an independent data privacy authority can fine or imprison government officials.

(Source: New Scientist, 12 January 2008)

WiFi LINKED TO RISE IN AUTISM

A groundbreaking scientific study published recently in the peer-reviewed *Journal of the Australasian College of Nutritional & Environmental Medicine* warns that wireless communication technology may be responsible for accelerating the rise in autism among the world's children (*J. Aust. Coll. Nutr. & Env. Med.* 2007; vol. 26, no. 2, pp. 3-7).

Autism is a disabling neuro-developmental disorder whose cause is not completely understood but is known to involve heavy metal toxicity. American advocacy groups call autism "the fastest-growing developmental disability in the United States". Twenty years ago, only one in 10,000 children was diagnosed with some form of autism. US government data show the rate in 2002 to be one in 150, but clinicians who treat the disease estimate the

occurrence today to be closer to one in 100.

The children studied were seen by Tamara Mariea, a certified clinical nutritionist based in Nashville, Tennessee, specialising in treating autism. She is the primary author of the paper, along with Dr George Carlo, an expert on the dangers of electromagnetic radiation (EMR), who in the 1990s headed the world's largest research program on mobile phone health hazards.

Their work revealed the autism-wireless technology connection following a series of tests on autistic children monitored during 2005 and 2006.

Dr Carlo said: "These findings tie in with other studies showing adverse cell-membrane responses and disruptions of normal cell physiology. The EMR apparently causes heavy metals to be trapped in cells, slowing clearance and accelerating the onset of symptoms."

The authors point out that the rise in cases of autism is paralleled by the huge growth in mobile phone and WiFi usage since the late 1990s, with worldwide wireless usage now having reached nearly four billion persons.

"Although some of the increase in autism can be ascribed to more efficient diagnosis by the medical community," Dr Carlo said, "a rise of this magnitude must have a major environmental cause. Our data offer a reasonable mechanistic explanation for a connection between autism and wireless technology."

(Source: *Science and Public Policy Institute*, 16 November 2007, www.safewireless.org)

GROWING NUMBERS OF SCIENTISTS DISPUTE MAN-MADE GLOBAL WARMING THEORY

Over 400 prominent scientists from more than two dozen countries recently voiced significant objections to major aspects of the so-called "consensus" on man-made global warming. These scientists, many of whom are current and former participants in the UN IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change), criticised the climate-change claims made by the UN IPCC and former US Vice President Al Gore.

Even some in the establishment media now appear to be taking notice of the growing number of skeptical scientists. In October 2007, the *Washington Post* staff writer Juliet Eilperin conceded the obvious, writing that climate sceptics "appear to be expanding rather than shrinking". This blockbuster report lists the scientists by name, country of residence and academic/institutional affiliation. It also features their own words, biographies and weblinks to their peer-reviewed studies and original source materials as gathered in 2007 from public statements, various news outlets and websites. Many of the scientists featured in this report consistently stated that numerous colleagues shared their views, but they will not speak out publicly for fear of retribution.

Atmospheric scientist Dr Nathan Paldor, Professor of Dynamical Meteorology and Physical Oceanography at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, author of almost 70 peer-reviewed studies, explains how many of his fellow scientists have been intimidated: "Many of my colleagues with whom I spoke share these views and report on their inability to publish their skepticism in the scientific or public media," Paldor wrote.

The distinguished scientists featured in this *Washington Post* report are experts in diverse fields including climatology, geology, biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics, glaciology, biogeography, meteorology, oceanography, economics, engineering, environmental sciences and palaeoclimatology.

Some of those profiled have won Nobel prizes for their outstanding contribution to their field of expertise, and many shared a portion of the UN IPCC Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore.

(Source: *US Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Report*, 20 December 2007, <http://tinyurl.com/2hmrer>)



GUNPOINT MEDICINE AND FORCED VACCINATIONS

As more and more parents are becoming informed about the dangers of vaccinations and their link to autism, State health authorities are increasingly turning to "gunpoint medicine" to force the people to submit to the poisons of conventional medicine.

Parents who attempt to save their children from deadly chemotherapy chemicals are being arrested and having their children kidnapped by Child Protective Services, while oncologists who used to be armed only with radiation machines and chemotherapy injectors are now arming themselves with US marshals and other local law enforcement authorities who are using loaded firearms to enforce "the will of the State" against parents who resist allowing chemotherapy on their children.

The State of Maryland has already turned to Gestapo-like tactics when, in November, children were herded into a Prince George County courthouse, guarded by armed personnel with attack dogs. Inside, the children were forcibly vaccinated, many against their will, under orders from the State Attorney-General, various State Judges and the local School Board Director, all of whom illegally conspired to threaten parents with imprisonment if they did not submit their children to vaccinations.

(Source: *NewsTarget.com*, 19 November 2007, posted at <http://www.informationliberation.com/?id=24340>)

PROCESSED MEATS DECLARED TOO DANGEROUS FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION

The World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) has just completed a detailed review of more than 7,000 clinical studies covering links between diet and cancer. Its conclusion is rocking the health world with startling bluntness: processed meats are too dangerous for human consumption.

Processed meats include bacon, sausage, hot dogs, sandwich meat, packaged ham, pepperoni, salami and virtually all red meat used in frozen prepared meals.

They are usually manufactured with a carcinogenic ingredient known as sodium nitrite. This is used as a colour fixer by meat companies to turn packaged meats a bright red colour so that they look fresh.

(Source: *Total Health Breakthroughs eNewsletter*, 7 December 2007, <http://tinyurl.com/3awodb>)

FOR SALE: THE WEST'S DEADLY NUCLEAR SECRETS

An FBI whistleblower has made a series of extraordinary claims about how corrupt US government officials allowed Pakistan and other states to steal nuclear weapons secrets. Sibel Edmonds, a 37-year-old former Turkish language translator for the FBI, listened into hundreds of sensitive intercepted conversations while based at the agency's Washington field office.

Edmonds approached the *Sunday Times* last month [December 2007] and revealed how foreign intelligence agents had enlisted the support of US officials to acquire a network of moles in sensitive military and nuclear institutions. She says that, among the hours of covert tape recordings, she heard evidence that one well-known senior official in the US State Department was being paid by Turkish agents in Washington who were selling the information on to black-market buyers, including Pakistan. She claims that the FBI was also gathering evidence against senior Pentagon officials—including household names—who were aiding foreign agents.

Her story shows just how much the West was infiltrated by foreign states seeking nuclear secrets. It illustrates how western government officials turned a blind eye to, or were even helping, countries such as Pakistan acquire nuclear bomb technology.

The wider nuclear network has been monitored for many years by a joint Anglo-American intelligence effort. But rather than shut it down, investigations by law enforcement bodies such as the FBI and Britain's Revenue and Customs have been aborted to preserve diplomatic relations.

Edmonds, a fluent speaker of Turkish and Farsi, was recruited by the FBI in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attacks. Her previous claims about incompetence inside the FBI have been well documented in America. She has given evidence to closed sessions of Congress and the 9/11 Commission, but many of the key points of her testimony have remained secret. She has now decided to divulge some of that information after becoming disillusioned with the US authorities' failure to act.

One of Edmonds's main roles in the FBI was to translate thousands of hours of conversations by Turkish diplomatic and political targets that had been covertly recorded by the agency. A backlog of tapes had built up, dating back to 1997, which were needed for an FBI investigation into links between the Turks and Pakistani, Israeli and American targets. Before she left the FBI in 2002, she heard evidence that pointed to money laundering, drug imports and attempts to acquire nuclear and conventional weapons technology.

"What I found was damning," she says. "While the FBI was investigating, several arms of the government were shielding what was going on."

The Turks and Israelis had planted "moles" in military and academic institutions which handled nuclear technology. Edmonds says there were several transactions of nuclear material every month, with the Pakistanis being among the eventual buyers. "The network appeared to be obtaining information from every nuclear agency in the United States," she says.

They were helped, Edmonds says, by the high-ranking State Department official who provided some of their moles—mainly PhD students—with the security clearance to work in sensitive nuclear research facilities. These included the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory in New Mexico, which is responsible for the security of the US nuclear deterrent. In one conversation, she heard the official arranging to pick up a US\$15,000 cash bribe. The package was to be dropped off at an agreed location by someone in the Turkish diplomatic community who was working for the network.

The Turks, she says, often acted as a conduit for the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), Pakistan's spy agency, because they were less likely to attract suspicion. Venues such as the American Turkish Council in Washington were used to drop off the cash, which was picked up by the official. The Pakistani operation was led by General Mahmoud Ahmad, then the ISI chief. Intercepted communications showed Ahmad and his colleagues stationed in Washington were in constant contact with attachés in the Turkish embassy. The results of the espionage were almost certainly passed to Abdul Qadeer Khan, the Pakistani nuclear scientist who became a millionaire by selling atomic secrets. Edmonds also claims that a number of senior officials in the Pentagon helped Israeli and Turkish agents.

The US Attorney-General has imposed a state secrets privilege order on Edmonds, which prevents her revealing more details of the FBI's methods and current investigations. Although her allegations were heard in a closed session of Congress, no action has been taken and Edmonds continues to campaign for a public hearing.

(Source: *The Sunday Times*, 6 January 2008, <http://tinyurl.com/2s2key>)

SOWING THE SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION

With Rockefeller family funding, the Green Revolution laid the groundwork for the Gene Revolution, allowing a handful of Anglo-American agribusiness giants to gain worldwide control of the food supply.

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Genetically Engineered Foods: An Experiment on the Masses

In 2003, Jeffrey Smith's *Seeds of Deception* was published. It exposes the dangers of untested and unregulated genetically engineered or modified (GE/GM) foods that most people in the USA eat every day with no knowledge of the potential health risks. Efforts to inform the public have been quashed, and reliable science has been buried.

Consider what happened to the world's leading lectins and plant genetic modification expert, UK-based Arpad Pusztai. He was vilified and fired from his research position at Scotland's Rowett Research Institute for publishing industry-unfriendly data that he was commissioned to produce on the safety of GM foods. His Rowett Research study was the first ever independent one conducted on them anywhere. He undertook it, believing in their promise, but became alarmed by his findings. His results were startling and have implications for humans eating genetically engineered/modified foods.

Pusztai found that rats fed GM potatoes had smaller livers, hearts, testicles and brains, as well as damaged immune systems; they showed structural changes in their white blood cells, making them more vulnerable to infection and disease compared to other rats fed non-GM potatoes. It got worse. Thymus and spleen damage showed up, as did enlarged tissues, including the pancreas and intestines. There were cases of liver atrophy as well as significant proliferation of stomach and intestinal cells that could be a sign of greater future risk of cancer. Equally alarming was that all this happened after only 10 days of testing, and the changes persisted after 110 days—that's the human equivalent of 10 years.

GM foods today saturate our diet, particularly in the USA. Over 80 per cent of all processed foods sold in supermarkets contain them. Other GM foods include grains like rice, corn and wheat; legumes like soybeans (and a range of soy products); vegetable oils; soft drinks; salad dressings; vegetables and fruits; dairy products including eggs; meat and other animal products; and even infant formula. There's also a vast array of hidden additives and ingredients in processed foods (such as in tomato sauce, ice cream and peanut butter). They're unrevealed to consumers because such labelling is prohibited—yet the more of these foods that we eat, the greater the potential threat to our health.

Today, we're all lab rats in an uncontrolled, unregulated, mass human experiment, the results of which are as yet unknown. The risks from it are beyond measure, and it will take many years to discover them. Once GM seeds are introduced to an area, the genie is out of the bottle for keeps.

Despite the enormous risks, however, Washington and growing numbers of governments around the world in parts of the UK, Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa now allow these products to be grown in their soil or imported. They're produced and sold to consumers because agribusiness giants like Monsanto, DuPont, Dow AgriSciences

and Cargill have enormous clout to demand it and a potent partner supporting them—the US government and its agencies, including the Departments of Agriculture and State, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and even the defence establishment. The World Trade Organization's (WTO's) trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights (TRIPS) patent rules also back them, along with industry-friendly WTO rulings like the 7 February 2006 one.

The WTO favoured a US challenge against European GMO (genetically modified organisms) regulatory policies in spite of strong consumer sentiment against these foods and ingredients on the continent. It also violated the Biosafety Protocol that should let nations regulate these products in the public interest—but it doesn't because WTO trade rules sabotaged it.

Nonetheless, anti-GMO activism persists, consumers still have a say and there are hundreds of GMO-free zones around the world, including in the US. All this, and more, is needed to take on the agribusiness giants that so far have everything going their way.

Washington Launches the Gene Revolution

Engdahl explains that the science of "biological and genetic modification of plants and other life-forms" first came out of US research labs in the 1970s. The Reagan administration was determined to make America dominant in this emerging field, and the biotech agribusiness industry was especially favoured. Companies in the early 1980s raced to develop GMO plants, livestock and GMO-based animal drugs. Washington made it easy for them with an unregulated, business-friendly climate that has persisted ever since under Republicans and Democrats alike.

Leading the effort to develop GMOs is a company with a "long record of fraud, cover-up, bribery", deceit and disdain for the public interest: Monsanto. Its first product was saccharin, which was later proved to be a carcinogen. It then got into chemicals, plastics and became notorious for Agent Orange that was used to defoliate Vietnamese jungles in the 1960s and 1970s and exposed hundreds of thousands of civilians and troops to deadly dioxin, one of the most toxic of all known compounds.

Along with others in the industry, Monsanto is accused of being a shameless polluter. It has a history of secretly dumping some of the most lethal substances known into water and soil and getting away with it. Today on its website, however, the company ignores its record and calls itself "an agricultural company [applying] innovation and technology to help farmers around the world be successful, produce healthier foods, better animal feeds and more fiber, while also reducing agriculture's impact on our environment". Engdahl proves otherwise in his thorough research.

In spite of its past, Monsanto and other GMO giants got unregulated free rein in the 1980s and especially after George H. W. Bush became president in 1989. His administration opened "Pandora's box" so that no "unnecessary regulations would hamper them". Thereafter, "not one single new regulatory law governing biotech or GMO products was passed then or later [despite all the] unknown risks and possible health dangers".

In a totally unfettered marketplace, foxes now guard the henhouse because the system was made self-regulatory. An elder

Bush executive order assured it, ruling that GMO plants and foods are "substantially equivalent" to ordinary ones of the same variety like corn, wheat or rice. This established the principle of "substantial equivalence" as the "lynchpin of the whole GMO revolution". It was pseudoscientific mumbo-jumbo but was now law, and Engdahl equates it to a potentially biologically catastrophic "Andromeda strain"—but no longer science fiction.

Monsanto chose milk as its first GMO product, genetically manipulated it with recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH) and marketed it under the trade name Posilac. In 1993, the Clinton-era FDA declared it safe and approved it for sale before any consumer-use information was available. It's now sold in every US state and promoted as a way that cows can produce up to 30 per cent more milk. Problems, however, soon appeared. Farmers reported their stock burned out up to two years sooner than usual, serious infections developed and some animals couldn't walk. Other problems included the udder inflammation mastitis as well as deformed calves being born.

The information was suppressed and rBGH milk is unlabelled, so there's no way consumers can know. They also weren't told that this hormone causes leukaemia and tumours in rats, and that a European Commission committee concluded that humans

drinking rBGH milk risk breast and prostate cancers. The European Union thus banned the product, but the US did not. Despite clear safety issues, the FDA failed to act and it allows hazardous milk to be sold below the radar. It was just the beginning.

Data Manipulation

Engdahl reviews the Pusztai affair, the toll it took on his health, and the modest vindication he finally received. Pusztai was already out of a job when in 1999 the 300-year-old British Royal Society attacked him,

claiming that his research was "flawed in many aspects of design, execution and analysis and that no conclusions should be drawn from it". This criticism had no basis in fact, and the attack was made because Pusztai's bombshell threatened to derail Britain's hugely profitable GMO industry and do the same thing to its US counterpart.

As for Pusztai, after five years, several heart attacks and a ruined career, he finally learned what had happened after he announced his findings. Monsanto was the culprit. The company complained to US president Bill Clinton who, in turn, alerted the British prime minister Tony Blair. Pusztai's findings had to be quashed and he had to be discredited for his discoveries. He was nonetheless able to reply with the help of the highly respected British scientific journal, *The Lancet*. In spite of Royal Society threats against Pusztai, the editor published his article but at a cost. After publication, the society and the biotech industry attacked *The Lancet* for its action. It was a further shameless act.

As a footnote, Pusztai now lectures around the world on his GMO research and is a consultant to start-up groups researching the health effects of these foods. Along with him and his wife, his co-author, Professor Stanley Ewen, also suffered. He lost his position at the University of Aberdeen, and Engdahl notes that the practice of suppressing unwanted truths and punishing whistleblowers is the rule, not the exception. Industry demands are powerful, especially when they affect the bottom line.

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The Blair government went even further. It commissioned the private firm Grainseed to conduct a three-year study to prove the safety of GMO food. London's *Observer* newspaper later got hold of UK Ministry of Agriculture documents which showed that the tests were rigged and produced "some strange science". At least one Grainseed researcher manipulated the data to "make certain seeds in the trials appear to perform better than they really did".

Nonetheless, the Ministry recommended a GMO corn variety be certified, and the Blair government issued a new code of conduct under which "any employee of a state-funded research institute who dared to speak out on findings into GMO plants could face dismissal, be sued for breach of contract or face a court injunction". In other words, whistleblowing was now illegal, even if public health was at stake. Nothing would be allowed to stop the agribusiness juggernaut from proceeding unimpeded.

The Rockefeller Plan for Agribusiness

In the Cold War era, food became a strategic weapon by masquerading as "Food for Peace". It was a cover for US agricultural interests to engineer the transformation of family farming into global agribusiness, with food the tool and small farmers eliminated so their land could be used most effectively. Domination of world agriculture was to be "one of the central pillars of post-war Washington policy, along with [controlling] world oil markets and non-communist world defense sales". The defining 1973 event was a world food crisis.

The shortage of grain staples, along with the first of two 1970s oil shocks, advanced a "significant new Washington policy turn". Oil and grains were rising threefold to fourfold in price at a time when the US was the world's largest food surplus producer with the most power over prices and supply. It was an ideal time for a new alliance between US-based grain-trading companies and the government. It "laid the groundwork for the later gene revolution".

Enter what Engdahl calls the "great train robbery", with Henry Kissinger the culprit. He decided that US agriculture policy was "too important to be left in the hands of the Agriculture Department", so he took control of it himself. Readers will know the type of future that Kissinger had in mind when he said in 1970: "Control oil and you control nations; control food and you control the people". The world desperately needed grain, America had the greatest supply, and the scheme was to use this power to "radically change world food markets and food trade". The big winners were grain traders like Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) and Continental Grain; they were helped by Kissinger's "new food diplomacy [to create] a global agriculture market for the first time". Food would "reward friends and punish enemies", and ties between Washington and business lay at the heart of the strategy.

The global food market was being reorganised, corporate interests were favoured, political advantage was exploited and the groundwork was laid for the 1990s "gene revolution". Rockefeller interests, including the Rockefeller Foundation, were to play the decisive role as events unfolded over the next two

decades. This reorganisation began under President Richard Nixon as the cornerstone of his farm policy; free trade was the mantra, corporate grain traders were the beneficiaries, and family farms had to go so that agribusiness giants could take over. Bankrupting family farms was the plan to remove an "excess [of] human resources". Engdahl calls it a "thinly veiled form of food imperialism" as part of a scheme for the US to become "the world granary". The family farm was to become the "factory farm" and agriculture was to become "agribusiness", dominated by a few corporate giants with incestuous ties to Washington.

Dollar devaluation was also part of the scheme under Nixon's New Economic Plan (NEP), which included closing the gold window in 1971 to let the currency float freely. Developing nations were targeted as well with the idea that they forget about being food-self-sufficient in grains and beef, rely on America for key commodities and concentrate instead on small fruits, sugar and vegetables for export. Earned foreign exchange could then buy US imports and repay International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank loans that create a never-ending cycle of debt slavery. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was also used, as was later the WTO with rules written by corporations to suit their own bottom-line interests.

Drastic Population Reduction

In the midst of a worldwide drought and a stockmarket collapse, consider Kissinger's April 1974 classified memo. National Security Study Memorandum 200 (NSSM 200) was shaped by Rockefeller interests and aimed to adopt a "world population plan of action" for drastic global population control, i.e., reduction. The US led the effort, making birth control in developing countries a prerequisite for US aid. Engdahl sums it up in blunt terms: "if these inferior races get in the way of our securing ample, cheap raw materials, then we must find ways to get rid of them". The Nazis also aimed big and sought control. Population culling or "eugenics" was part of their scheme to target "inferior" races to preserve the "superior" one.

Kissinger's scheme of "simpler contraceptive methods through bio-medical research" almost sounds like DuPont's old slogan, "Better things for better living through chemistry". Later on, DuPont dropped "through chemistry" as evidence mounted on the toxic effects of chemicals, and a changing company in 1999 began using a new slogan, "The Miracles of Science", in its advertising.

NSSM 200 was tied to the agribusiness agenda that began with the 1950s and 1960s "Green Revolution" to control food production in targeted Latin American, Asian and African countries. Kissinger's plan had two aims: securing new US grain markets and controlling population, with 13 "unlucky" countries chosen including India, Brazil, Nigeria, Mexico and Indonesia. Exploiting their resources depended on instituting drastic population reductions to reduce home-grown demand.

The scheme was ugly and was pure Kissinger. It recommended forced population control and other measures to ensure US strategic aims. Kissinger wanted global numbers reduced by 500

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million by the year 2000 and argued for doubling the 10 million annual death rate to 20 million thereafter. Engdahl calls it "genocide", according to the strict definition of the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide statute that defines this crime legally. Kissinger is guilty under it for wanting to withhold food aid to "people who can't or won't control their population growth"—in other words, if they won't do it, we'll do it for them. The strategy included fertility control, called "family planning", that was linked to the availability of key resources. Rockefeller family members backed the plan; Kissinger was their "hired hand" and he was well rewarded for his efforts, e.g., he was kept from being prosecuted where he's wanted as a war criminal and could be arrested overseas.

Besides his better-known crimes, consider what Kissinger did to poor Brazilian women through a policy of mass sterilisation under NSSM 200. After 14 years of the program, the Brazilian Health Ministry discovered shocking reports of an estimated 44 per cent of all Brazilian women between ages 14 and 55 being permanently sterilised. Organisations like the International Planned Parenthood Federation and Family Health International were involved, and USAID directed the program. USAID has a long, disturbing history of backing US imperialism, yet it claims on its website that it extends "a helping hand to those people overseas struggling to make a better life, recover[ing] from a disaster or striving to live in a free and democratic country".

Even more disturbing is that an estimated 90 per cent of Brazilian women of African descent were sterilised in a nation with a black population second only to Nigeria's. Powerful figures backed the scheme, but most influential were the Rockefellers, with John D. III having the most clout on population policy. In 1969, Nixon appointed him head of the Commission on Population Growth and the American Future. The commission's earlier work laid the ground for Kissinger's NSSM 200 and its policy of extermination through subterfuge.

The Brotherhood of Death

Long before Kissinger (and his assistant, Brent Scowcroft) made population reduction official US foreign policy, the Rockefellers were experimenting on humans. JD III led the effort. In the 1950s, while Nelson was exploiting cheap Puerto Rican labour in New York and on the island, brother JD III was conducting mass sterilisation experiments on Puerto Rican women. By the mid-1960s, Puerto Rico's Public Health Department estimated the toll: one-third or more of unsuspecting poor women of child-bearing age had been permanently sterilised.

JD III expressed his views in a 1961 UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) lecture: "To my mind, population growth [and its reduction] is second only to control of atomic weapons as the paramount problem of the day". He meant, of course, reducing unwanted parts of the population to preserve valuable resources for the privileged. He was also influenced by eugenicists, race theorists and Malthusians at the Rockefeller Foundation who

believed they had the right to decide who lived or died.

Powerful figures as well as leading American business families were behind the effort. So were notables in the UK, then and earlier, such as Winston Churchill and John Maynard Keynes. Alan Gregg, the Rockefeller Foundation Medical Division chief for 34 years, said that "people pollute, so eliminate pollution by eliminating [undesirable] people". He compared city slums to cancerous tumours and called them "offensive to decency and beauty". Better to remove them and cleanse the landscape.

This was Rockefeller Foundation policy, and it is "key to understanding [its later efforts] in the revolution in biotechnology and plant genetics". The foundation's mission from inception was to "[cull] the herd, or systematically [reduce] populations of 'inferior breeds'". The problem for supremacists is that too many of a lesser element spells trouble when they demand more of what the privileged want for themselves. Solution: remove them, using anything from birth control and sterilisation to starvation and wars of extermination.

JD III was right in step with this thinking. He was nurtured on Malthusian pseudoscience and embraced the dogma. In 1931 he joined the family foundation, where he was influenced by eugenicists like Raymond Fosdick and Frederick Osborn, both of whom were founding members of the American Eugenics Society. In 1952 he used his own funds to found the New York-based Population Council, at which he promoted openly racist studies on overpopulation dangers. Over the next 25 years, the council spent US\$173 million on global population reduction and became the world's most influential organisation promoting these supremacist ideas. However, it avoided the term "eugenics" because of its Nazi association and instead used language like "birth control", "family planning" and "free choice"; it was all the same.

Before World War II, Rockefeller associate and foundation board member Frederick Osborn enthusiastically supported Nazi eugenics experiments that led to mass exterminations which were later vilified. Back then, he

believed eugenics was the "most important experiment that has ever been tried", and later he wrote a book, *The Future of Human Heredity* (1968), with "eugenics" in the subtitle. He stated that women could be convinced to reduce their births voluntarily and he began substituting the term "genetics" for the now out-of-favour "eugenics".

During the Cold War, population culling drew supporters that included the cream of corporate America. They backed private population reduction initiatives like Margaret Sanger's International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF). The major media also spread the notion that "over-population in developing countries leads to hunger and more poverty [which, in turn, becomes] the fertile breeding ground" for international communism. American agribusiness would later get involved through a policy of global food control. Food is power. When used to cull the population, it's a weapon of mass destruction.

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sharply higher food prices along with severe shortages and warning that this condition is extreme, unprecedented and threatens billions of people with hunger and starvation. Prices were up 40 per cent in 2007, after a nine per cent rise in 2006, which forced developing states to pay 25 per cent more for imported food and be unable to afford enough of it.

The FAO cites various explanations for the problem, including growing demand, higher fuel and transportation costs, commodity speculation, the use of corn for ethanol production (taking one-third of the harvest, which is more than what's exported for food) and extreme weather, while ignoring the above implications: the power of agribusiness to manipulate supply for greater profits and "cull the herd" in targeted Third World countries. Affected nations are poor, and the FAO lists 20 in Africa, nine in Asia, six in Latin America and two in Eastern Europe that in total represent 850 million endangered people now suffering from chronic hunger and related poverty. They depend on imports, and their diets rely heavily on the types of produce that agribusiness controls—wheat, corn, rice and soybeans. If current prices stay high and shortages persist, millions will die—maybe by design.

The Subterfuge of "Food for Peace"

American elites in the late 1930s began planning an American century in the postwar world—a *Pax Americana* ("American Peace") to succeed the fading British Empire. The New York-based Council on Foreign Relations War and Peace Studies group led the effort, financed by Rockefeller Foundation money. As Engdahl puts it, they'd be paid back later "thousands-fold". First, though, America had to achieve world dominance militarily and economically.

The US business establishment envisioned a "Grand Area" to encompass most of the world outside the communist bloc. To exploit it, they hid their imperial designs beneath a "liberal and benevolent garb" by defining themselves as "selfless advocates of freedom for colonial peoples [and] the enemy of imperialism". They would also "champion world peace through multinational control". Sound familiar?

Like today, it was just subterfuge for their real aims that were pursued under the banner of the United Nations, the new Bretton Woods framework, the IMF, the World Bank and the GATT. They were established for one purpose: to integrate the developing world into the US-dominated Global North so its wealth could be transferred to powerful business interests, mostly in the US. The Rockefeller family led the effort, the four brothers were involved, and Nelson and David were the prime movers.

While JD III was plotting depopulation and racial purity schemes, Nelson was working "the other side of the fence...as a forward-looking international businessman" in the 1950s and 1960s. Preaching greater efficiency and production in targeted countries, he in fact schemed to open world markets for unrestricted US grain imports. This became the "Green Revolution". Nelson concentrated on Latin America. During WWII, he coordinated US intelligence and covert operations there, and those efforts laid the groundwork for postwar family interests. They were tied to the region's military because friendly strongmen are the type of leaders preferred in order to guarantee a favourable business climate.

From the 1930s, Nelson Rockefeller had significant Latin American interests, especially in areas of oil and banking. In the early 1940s, he sought new opportunities and along with brother Laurance bought vast amounts of cheap, high-quality farmland so the family could get into agriculture—but it wasn't for family farming: the Rockefellers wanted global monopolies, and their scheme was to do in agriculture what the family patriarch had done in oil, along with using food and agricultural technologies as Cold War weapons.

By 1954, the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, known as PL 480 or "Food for Peace", established surplus food as a US foreign policy tool. Nelson used his considerable influence on the State Department because every postwar department secretary, from 1952 through 1979, had ties to the family through its foundation: namely, John Foster Dulles, Dean Rusk, Henry Kissinger and Cyrus Vance. These men supported Rockefeller views on private business and knew that the family saw agriculture the way it saw oil—as commodities to be "traded, controlled, [and] made scarce or plentiful" to suit the foreign policy goals of dominant corporations controlling their trade.

The family got into agriculture in 1947 when Nelson founded the International Basic Economy Corporation (IBEC). Through it, he introduced "mass-scale agribusiness in countries where US dollars could buy huge influence in the 1950s and 1960s". Nelson then allied with grain-trading giant Cargill in Brazil, where they began developing hybrid corn seed varieties with big plans for them. They would make the country "the world's third largest producer of [these] crop[s] after the US and China". It was part of the Rockefellers' "Green Revolution" that by the late 1950s "was rapidly becoming a strategic US economic strategy alongside oil and military hardware".

Latin America was the beginning of a food production revolution with big aims: to control the "basic necessities of the majority of the world's population". With agribusiness in the 1990s, it was "the perfect partner for

the introduction...of genetically engineered food crops or GMO plants". This marriage masqueraded as "free market efficiency, modernization [and] feeding a malnourished world". In fact, it was nothing of the sort. It cleverly hid "the boldest coup over the destiny of entire nations ever attempted".

Agribusiness Goes Global

The "Green Revolution" began in Mexico and spread across Latin America during the 1950s and 1960s". It was then introduced in Asia, especially in India. It was at a time when Americans claimed that their aim was to help the world through free-market efficiency. It was all one way, from them to us, so that corporate investors could profit. It gave US chemical giants and major grain traders new markets for their products. Agribusiness was going global, and Rockefeller interests were in the vanguard helping industry globalisation take shape.

Nelson worked with his brother, JD III, who in 1953 set up his own Agricultural Development Council. They shared a common goal: "cartelization of world agriculture and food supplies under their corporate hegemony". At its heart, it aimed to introduce modern agricultural techniques to increase crop yields under the false claim of wanting to reduce hunger. The same seduction was later used to promote the "gene revolution", with Rockefeller

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interests and the same agribusiness giants backing it.

In the 1960s, President Lyndon Johnson also used food as a weapon. He wanted recipient nations to agree to administration and Rockefeller preconditions that population control and opening their markets to US industry were part of the deal. It also involved training developing-world agricultural scientists and agronomists in the latest production concepts so they could apply them at home. This "carefully constructed network later proved crucial" to the Rockefeller strategy to "spread the use of genetically engineered crops around the world", helped along with USAID funding and CIA mischief.

"Green Revolution" tactics were painful and took a devastating toll on peasant farmers, destroying their livelihoods and forcing them into shantytown slums. These people, desperate to survive and easy prey for any way to do it, provided cheap, exploitable labour.

The "Revolution" also harmed the land. Monocultural practices displace diversity, destroy soil fertility and decrease crop yields over time. The indiscriminate use of chemical pesticides can eventually cause serious health problems. Engdahl quotes an analyst who called the "Green Revolution" a "chemical revolution" that developing states couldn't afford. This revolution began the process of debt enslavement from IMF, World Bank and private bank loans. Large landowners could afford the latter; small farmers couldn't, and as a result were often bankrupted. That, of course, was the whole idea.

The "Green Revolution" was based on the "proliferation of new hybrid seeds in developing markets"—seeds that characteristically lack reproductive capacity. Declining yields meant farmers had to buy seeds every year from large multinational producers that control their parental seed lines in house. A handful of company giants held patents on them and used them to lay the groundwork for the later GMO revolution. Their scheme soon became evident: traditional crops had to give way to high-yield varieties (HYV) of hybrid wheat, corn and rice, with major chemical inputs.

Initially, growth rates were impressive but they didn't last for long. In countries like India, agricultural output slowed down and fell into decline. They were the losers so that agribusiness giants could exploit large new markets for their chemicals, machinery and other product inputs. It was the beginning of "agribusiness", and it went hand in hand with the "Green Revolution" strategy that would later embrace plant genetic alterations.

Two Harvard Business School professors were involved early on: John Davis and Ray Goldberg. They teamed up with Russian economist Wassily Leontief, got funding from the Rockefeller and Ford foundations and initiated a four-decade revolution to dominate the food industry. It was based on "vertical integration", of the kind that Congress outlawed after giant conglomerates and trusts like Standard Oil used them to monopolise entire sectors of key industries and crush competition.

This vertical integration was revived under President Jimmy Carter, a Trilateral Commission founding member, and disguised as "deregulation" to dismantle "decades of carefully constructed... health, food safety and consumer protection laws". These laws would now give way under this new wave of industry-friendly vertical integration. A propaganda campaign claimed that government was the problem, that it encroached too much on our lives and had to be rolled back for greater personal "freedom".

From early in the 1970s, agribusiness producers controlled US food supplies but soon they would go global on a scale without precedent. The goal: to make "staggering profits" by "restructur[ing] the way Americans grew food to feed themselves and the world". Ronald Reagan continued Carter's policy and let the top four or five monopoly players control it. It led to an unprecedented "concentration and transformation of American agriculture", with independent family farmers driven off their land through forced sales and bankruptcies so that "more efficient" agribusiness giants could move in with "factory farms". The remaining small producers became virtual serfs as "contract farmers". America's landscape was changing, with people trampled on for the sake of profits.

Engdahl explains the gradual process of "wholesale merger[s] and consolidation...of American food production...into giant corporate global concentrations" with familiar names: Cargill, Archer Daniels Midland, Smithfield Foods and ConAgra. As they grew bigger, so did their bottom lines, with annual equity returns rising from 13 per cent in 1993 to 23 per cent in 1999.

Hundreds of thousands of small farmers lost out; their numbers dropped by 300,000 from 1979 to 1998. It was even worse for hog farmers, with a drop from 600,000 to 157,000 in the same period,

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so that three per cent of producers could control 50 per cent of the market. The social costs were staggering (and continue to be), as "entire rural communities collapsed and rural towns became ghost towns". Consider the consequences. By 2004:

- the four largest beef packers controlled 84 per cent of steer and heifer slaughter: Tyson, Cargill, Swift and National Beef Packing;
- four giants controlled 64 per cent of hog production: Smithfield Foods, Tyson, Swift and Hormel Foods;
- three companies controlled 71 per

cent of soybean crushing: Cargill, ADM and Bunge;

- three giants controlled 63 per cent of all flour milling;
- five companies controlled 90 per cent of the global grain trade;
- four other companies controlled 89 per cent of the breakfast cereal market—Kellogg, General Mills, Kraft Foods and Quaker Oats;
- Cargill, having acquired Continental Grain in 1998, controlled 40 per cent of national grain elevator capacity;
- four large agrichemical/seed giants controlled over 75 per cent of the nation's seed corn sales and 60 per cent of it for soybeans, while also having the largest share of the agricultural chemical market: Monsanto, Novartis, Dow Chemical and DuPont;
- six companies controlled three-fourths of the global pesticides market;
- Monsanto and DuPont controlled 60 per cent of the US corn and soybean seed market—all of it patented GMO seeds.

In addition:

- 10 large food retailers controlled \$649 billion in global sales in 2002, and the top 30 food retailers accounted for one-third of global grocery sales.

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A MIRACLE TREATMENT FOR MALARIA AND OTHER DISEASES

While investigating the chemistry and healing properties of stabilised oxygen, this research engineer developed a simple formula that can overcome the symptoms of malaria in only a few hours and is already being used successfully in Africa.

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This is the story of the discovery and development of possibly the most amazing enhancement for the immune system yet discovered. In my book *Breakthrough: The Miracle Mineral Supplement of the 21st Century* (Part I is available free online at <http://www.miraclemineal.org>), I have provided complete details on how to make the supplement in your kitchen, with most of the ingredients bought off the shelf. It is entirely possible that you will save someone's life or your own.

Because the Miracle Mineral Supplement (MMS) functions as a supercharger to the immune system, it is not meant for the treatment of any particular disease, but rather it is meant to improve the immune system to the point of overcoming many diseases, frequently in less than 24 hours. For example, one of the main killers of mankind in the world today, malaria, is usually overcome by this supplement in just four hours. This has been proven through clinical trials in Malawi, eastern Africa, where in killing the malaria parasite in the body there was not a single failure. More than 75,000 malaria victims have taken the supplement and are now back at work and living productive lives. After taking the supplement, AIDS patients are often disease free in three days, and other diseases and conditions simply disappear.

The Journey Begins

The phone was ringing at the other end of the house. It was a long, narrow house and there was furniture to get around and a hallway to get through, but in spite of the obstacle course I made it. Bill Denicolo, an old friend, was calling from Chicago. We talked and he asked, "Jim, are you any good at prospecting for gold?" I was never too modest, so I told him the truth (my truth). "Yes," I said. "I am amongst the best, if not the best." That was enough for him. He was a friend, and being familiar already with my work in mining he believed me. He continued: "I'm working with a group that wants to do gold mining in the jungle in South America. We need your help and we are paying the going rate, plus you get a share of the profits."

That was it. I agreed to leave in approximately one month's time. They were willing to use my gold recovery technology. This would require that I ship equipment ahead. It took the entire month to get things ready and to prepare myself for the jungle. The most important things that I took, relevant to this story, were several bottles of stabilised oxygen. (Please don't get the idea that stabilised oxygen is the miracle solution that I am writing about here.) All water in the jungle is dangerous to drink. In North America, water from fast-moving streams is usually quite safe to drink, but in the jungle it doesn't matter how fast the stream is moving; the water is not safe to drink.

A number of people had mentioned to me that the oxygen in stabilised oxygen would purify water by killing the pathogens present, especially if the water was left sitting overnight. I had once sent off a single test to a laboratory after treating some sewage water with stabilised oxygen, and the results came back showing that all pathogens were dead. I was relatively confident that I could purify my drinking water in the jungle.

I had actually worked with stabilised oxygen for some time. A friend of mine who lived a little way outside of Las Vegas used it quite a bit with his animals. He gave it to his chickens in their water to keep them healthy and he used it with his dogs. He even injected it into one of his dog's veins once when it was sick; his dog was cured in several hours.

Bill Denicolo sent a contract to my house in Las Vegas, Nevada, to where I had retired after working in gold mining. The contract was quite generous. I was to be paid a

reasonable salary, and I would have 20 per cent ownership in the operation, provided I located gold in the jungle. I signed a copy of the contract and sent it off, and received an aeroplane ticket in return. I was then 64 years old but in top condition, and I would have no trouble navigating in the jungle.

The country was Guyana, formerly known as British Guyana, just south of Venezuela on the east coast of South America. I arrived there on a normal day while it was raining. It was mid-1996. I was met by several local people who would be part of the mining operation, and they drove about 30 miles to Georgetown, Guyana's largest city which is also the capital. I was taken to a local house where I was to stay until we departed for the interior, where we would prospect Guyana's greatest rainforest and jungle.

At the house I met Mike, a local who owned the claims to a very large portion of the jungle, who would be one of the partners. Joel Kane, who lives in the eastern part of the USA, was also one of the partners listed on the contract I'd signed. He was to arrive within two weeks before we departed for the jungle. There was one other partner who was also supposed to arrive soon, but probably after we departed for the jungle. His name was Beta (his real name was Satkumar Hemraj, but he preferred the name of Beta) and he was related to a high official in the government, Moses Nagamotoo, the First Minister directly under the Prime Minister, Sam Hinds.

Beta was not present, but because he was our partner I was invited to the First Minister's house for dinner the second evening that I was there. While I was at his house, he complained of his back problem that was almost preventing him from doing his job in the government. I explained to him that I sometimes adjusted people's necks and I might be able to help his back. So after dinner he allowed me to adjust his neck, which I did very delicately, making sure that I did not jerk or hurt him. Within minutes his back problem began to subside. We were all amazed, and soon he was walking quite easily around the house.

The next day, one of the servants called me and asked if I would adjust Moses's daughter's neck; she was having bad back problems as well. I agreed over the phone, so they picked me up for dinner that night, which was the third evening I was there, and after dinner I adjusted her neck. Her name was Angela. He had another daughter named Adila, but she did not have a problem. Angela, as amazing as it may sound, was soon walking easily and her back problem seemed to have disappeared. I did not always have such spectacular results, but sometimes they did happen.

I was very glad that I had taken the time to learn to adjust necks. Making such a powerful friend as Moses Nagamotoo was important. I did not realise how important it was at the time, but no doubt it kept me from spending time in prison at a later date.

Into the Jungle

In our first expedition into the jungle, we would be taking eight men who would carry the supplies and set up camp as we reached various locations. Our workers were called droggers. These men were hired by Mike, and they arrived at the house about a week ahead of time to begin putting supplies and equipment together. One of the droggers was the foreman and the others, of course, were workers.

Finally, the time for our expedition arrived and neither Joel nor

Beta had arrived, but we couldn't wait. The men only made US\$6.00 a day, but it still cost to keep them around and we wanted to get things done. So the final crew consisted of me, Mike the landholder and the eight droggers.

The trip into the interior took about two days. First there was about an hour's ride from Georgetown to the town of Parika on the Mazaruni-Cuyuni River. We loaded our supplies onto a large truck and four taxies. We arrived at Parika at about 9.00 am and loaded our supplies onto several large speed-boats.

We finally arrived at our next destination, the town of Bartica, which is considered the gateway to the interior of Guyana. There we bought mostly food supplies. There are a number of food stores constructed like warehouses which mostly supply excursions into the interior. Our buyer bought mostly beans and rice. Normally, they would buy only rice for such trips, but because I was there they added several sacks of beans. On other trips I was able to get them to buy more varieties of groceries.

We then loaded all supplies into several boats and crossed the river to a port on the other side about one mile away, where we transferred our supplies and equipment into two very large trucks.

The trucks had wheels that were more than six feet in diameter for driving through the roads consisting mainly of mud, there in the jungle. Even those big wheels could not go where there were no roads. The supplies were tied down securely and most of the men then elected to walk on a somewhat shorter route to the next jump-off point into the jungle. I soon learned why they preferred to walk. The road was so rough and the trucks bounced so badly that it took constant attention just to hold on.

There was no sleeping during the five hours that the trucks took to arrive at the final jump-off point on the last river leg of our journey. We arrived after dark, and slept wherever we could that night. I slept on a bench outside the small store there.

The next morning we loaded all of our supplies onto boats and continued up what was now the Cuyuni branch of the river.

Malaria Outbreaks

This gives you an idea of how far out in the jungle we were. Several days later, when two of our men came down with malaria, we were plenty worried. We had been assured that there was no malaria in this area of the jungle and we had not thought to bring malaria medicine along with us. I immediately sent two men running to the closest mining camp, hoping that they might have malaria drugs. That would take at least two days, and if they had no malaria medicine it would be at least six days before the men returned. We simply had to accept those facts because it was the best we could do.

We might have tried calling a helicopter, but we didn't have a radio. Radios don't work in the jungle, anyway, except over very short distances. Considering all of the data that I had learned about stabilised oxygen, it seemed to me that, knowing it killed pathogens in water, it might cure malaria. I sat down with the men who had malaria and asked them if they would be interested in trying this "health drink" from America. They were very sick and suffering. They laid in their hammocks, shivering from the chills and at the same time suffering with high fever. Their symptoms included headaches, aching muscles and joints, nausea,

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diarrhoea and vomiting. They were willing to try anything, and they said so.

I gave them both a healthy dose of the stabilised oxygen in some water and they drank it straight down. I thought, "That's all I can do for now; we'll just have to wait for the runners to return." One hour later, their shivering had stopped. That didn't mean much, as the shivering comes and goes, but they looked a little better. Four hours later, they were sitting up kidding about how bad they had been feeling. They got up out of their bunks and sat down at the table to eat dinner that evening. By the next morning, two more men had come down with malaria. They took the same doses of stabilised oxygen and they were feeling okay by noon. We all were amazed. (This is not the whole story, and stabilised oxygen does not work all the time.)

I continued with the gold prospecting. I had developed a method of assaying for gold (that is, determining the amount of gold that is present) which is quite simple. I was able to conduct assays myself instead of having to send my assays off to a lab somewhere and wait a couple of weeks for the answer. Soon I had located some gold deposits and we began planning to put up a gold mill in the jungle.

While doing this and further gold prospecting, I also did quite a bit of travelling in the jungle. Wherever I went, I treated people for malaria (and sometimes typhoid fever). Although the stabilised oxygen worked only about 70 per cent of the time, it was enough to make me quite famous in the jungle.

On the way back to town during that first trip into the jungle, we reached a mining operation that had been shut down for vacation. There were a number of men there who were merely waiting for the mill to start up again. One of the men was sitting at a table, looking very sick. I asked him what was wrong and he said that he was waiting for a boat to pick him up. He said he had typhoid fever and malaria at the same time. I mentioned my stabilised oxygen, which I called merely a "health drink", and he said he would try it. On my return from town, he came running out to meet me. He grabbed my hand and pumped it up and down. He told me that he had got better within hours after I left and that he didn't have to go into town after all. I left him with a small bottle of drops, as I had done in other places in the jungle.

There are numerous good stories like that one, but unfortunately at that time there were a lot of people whom the stabilised oxygen did not help. Still, it was a treatment that got much better results than the malaria medicines used there. People in malaria areas cannot afford to take malaria preventive medicines, as side effects *always* develop after a time. Thus, the locals never take these medicines. They have to depend upon being cured by the standard malaria medicines after they contract malaria, and unfortunately the malaria parasite has developed a resistance to those medicines. Visitors can only afford to take malaria preventives for a short period. As it turned out, several of my associates were hospitalised as a result of taking the preventive medicines.

Back in Georgetown I telephoned a friend, Bob Tate, about the stabilised oxygen curing malaria. He immediately flew to

Guyana. We discussed it and decided to see if we could sell the stabilised oxygen in Guyana. We put an ad in the local paper, stating that our solution cured malaria. That was a mistake. Immediately the local television station sent reporters over to our place and we were on TV talking about our solution. Then the radio and newspaper reporters arrived. We were famous for about three days. Then the government dropped a bomb on us. The Minister of Health called us in for an interview. She told us that if we sold our solution to one more person we would be put into their prison, and that we wouldn't like their prison. I had seen the prison and I knew that she was right.

I talked to my friend, the First Minister Moses Nagamotoo, one evening and he explained to me that two drug companies had called the Minister of Health and threatened to quit shipping drugs to the local hospital if she didn't do something about the person claiming to be able to cure malaria. He explained that there was nothing his government could do at this time to help me, but he mentioned that he'd suggested to the Minister of Health that she give me some latitude.

At that point I made an even bigger mistake. Although we removed our ad from the newspaper, I continued to sell the solution to more people who needed it. My partner, Bob Tate, had already gone home but I was still planning to do gold mining in the jungle. We were just about ready with our mining supplies when I got word that they were going to charge me with a crime and that it would be better if I were gone or were somewhere else. I found that people in Georgetown are more afraid of the jungle than are people from Las Vegas. They seldom chase people in the jungle. I immediately made the trip up the river, and the supplies followed me a few days later.

This is the basic story of the discovery that stabilised oxygen sometimes cures malaria. However, it's only the beginning of my story. I did not consider stabilised oxygen a miracle supplement, yet.

Inadvertent Research and Testing

I stayed upriver for slightly over six months, working on the gold recovery mill. That part of the operation I financed myself because Joel Kane was very slow in arriving and never provided additional money. When he finally arrived, after he saw some of the gold that my mill was recovering he wanted complete ownership and offered me three per cent instead of the 20 per cent in the contract. When I did not agree, he had Mike, the owner of the land, and the droggers whom Mike had hired, tear down my working mill and carry it off into the jungle. According to the contract, if he did not use my technology he did not need to give me 20 per cent. The problem for him was that the new technology that Mike, the landowner, implemented didn't work. Thus, not only did I lose my investment but he lost his as well. He was a millionaire and really didn't care, but it was a little tougher on me.

When I came back to town after those six months, all the Health Ministry problems had blown over and I left for the USA. I lost my investment money, but I had the knowledge of what the stabilised oxygen could do—and it was very exciting. I no longer

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cared about the gold. I couldn't wait to get home to begin a testing program to find out why the stabilised oxygen only worked some of the time.

I went back to Guyana a couple months later when another company hired me to help them improve their recovery of gold. I was still working with the stabilised oxygen. One night I was careless and allowed myself to be bitten hundreds of times by mosquitoes. It really wasn't planned, but when the mosquitoes started biting, I just let them bite.

Several days later, I began to develop malaria. The very first symptom is just that you have light indigestion at a meal. It's not very pronounced; only a slight feeling of nausea that passes in about 15 minutes. You don't feel the real nausea until the next day. Since I did get sick, I decided that I might as well check out my own medicine. So I decided to wait until I got a blood test at the hospital in Georgetown before starting any treatment. That was almost a fatal mistake.

The bus that runs from that part of the jungle to Georgetown did not come, and I know that, almost always, people who wait too long for treatment end up dead. I waited a couple of days for the bus, but it didn't arrive and I was getting very sick. Still, I wanted to make absolutely certain, with a blood test, that I had malaria. I was going home soon and I would not have any chance to do further testing of this kind in the US.

I didn't tell anyone I was performing a test on myself. My employers, seeing how sick I was, felt responsible for getting me back to town. So when I agreed to pay for part of the cost of an aeroplane to pick me up, they agreed instantly. In that part of the jungle, they do have radio and a nearby landing strip. The plane finally came the next day (now my fourth day of being sick). I rode a bicycle to the landing strip. By this time I was very sick. When I arrived in Georgetown, they put me in a taxi and took me straight to the hospital.

At the hospital, I waited several hours for a blood test. I was definitely showing malaria symptoms. The doctor told me that my blood tested positive for malaria. I was an outpatient, so he just gave me a small bottle of malaria pills. Of course, I did not take the pills; instead, I took a large dose of my own medicine. Within hours I was feeling better. It worked for me. To top it off, I went back to the hospital and had another blood test that now showed negative for malaria. I was elated! I was the first patient to have a blood test both before and after taking the stabilised oxygen. I believed I had discovered a cure for malaria.

I arrived back in the USA in the last part of 1997 and moved to Walker Lake, Nevada, to where Bob Tate had moved my portable laboratories. The plan was to set up and manufacture my own special mining equipment in order to make a living, while also investigating the stabilised oxygen that I had used in the jungle. We worked our mining equipment business for about a year, but then Bob began to develop the terrible illness known as Lou Gehrig's disease and was unable to do much work.

The sales of the equipment began to falter for many reasons.

The magazine in which we'd advertised made a big mistake with our advertising and then refused to give us credit for the mistake, which cost us thousands. Eventually I ended up living on my Social Security income. However, at times I did get to do an assay or two, which helped.

With my son's help in furnishing me with a computer and using the Internet, I began writing to various pen pals in Africa. Finally, I made friends with a man in Tanzania who took people on safaris to Mount Kilimanjaro. His name was Moses Augustino. I realised that he was mainly interested in making friends with people in America because he hoped to come upon some kind of an opportunity. Had I been in his shoes, I might have done the same thing. He soon asked me for \$40. I realised that, to him, \$40 was a lot of money, and actually at that time \$40 was quite a bit to me as well. But since I wanted him to try the stabilised oxygen on some malaria cases in Tanzania, I sent him the forty dollars.

The \$40 paid off, as Moses began to give my solution, according to my instructions, to malaria victims whom he knew in his area. Soon people were getting well rapidly—but, again, not everyone. He had a doctor friend whom he told about the stabilised oxygen (at that time we called it the Humble Health Drink). I sent his doctor friend two bottles and I received an email back from the doctor saying that he couldn't see how salty water would help a malaria case. I emailed him back and said, "Just try it and you will see." Well, the fact is, he did try it and he was amazed. He began to treat all of his malaria patients with the solution.

Investigating the Chemistry

Meanwhile, I was working to find out what chemical the stabilised oxygen really was and how it was made. I needed to find out why it wasn't 100-per-cent effective. I learned that Dr William F. Koch first started working with this solution back in 1926 in Germany. He used it in conjunction with mentally retarded children, because he believed that the stabilised oxygen produced nontoxic oxygen

identical to the oxygen produced by breathing. Dr Koch used his formula for the next 10 years, believing that it somehow increased oxygen to the brain of the retarded children.

The formula found its way to the United States around 1930. Over the years, those who could finally dig out the actual formula began to add it into various products, thinking that it was a form of oxygen that the body could make use of.

Finding the formula for stabilised oxygen was a hard thing to do back in 1998 if you had a limited knowledge of chemistry. Everyone who had the formula wasn't telling, and even when they sold it they would not put the ingredients on the label (it's sodium chlorite, NaClO₂).

I did find one company that gave instructions for using stabilised oxygen. They said that after you put the drops into a glass of water, the stabilised oxygen becomes unstable—and thus you should never wait more than one hour before drinking the mixture. I thought that was interesting. So I put 10 drops into a glass of water, waited for about eight hours and then smelled it,

...I went back to the hospital and had another blood test that now showed negative for malaria. I was elated! I was the first patient to have a blood test both before and after taking the stabilised oxygen. I believed I had discovered a cure for malaria.

like chemists often do. I thought I could smell chlorine. I realised that if water did make the stabilised oxygen unstable, it was because the water had made it less alkaline (more neutral). I had been using 10 drops, but by that time I was getting the idea that I would have to use more drops. After adding 20 drops of stabilised oxygen to a glass of water, I decided to add a little vinegar because it's a food that contains acetic acid, which I knew would make the stabilised oxygen less alkaline than even water would. On this occasion I waited for more than 24 hours, and then I could detect a much stronger smell of chlorine.

By that time, my friends in Africa trusted me to some small extent so they were willing to give it a try. They started using the improved formula of 20 drops of the stabilised oxygen in a full glass of water with one teaspoon of vinegar. After waiting 24 hours, they then gave it to several of those who were not helped with the original first dose. It worked in every case when they used the vinegar and waited 24 hours.

To test my mixture, I bought some chlorine-measuring sticks used for swimming pools and...guess what? After a few hours, the mixture began to measure a slight amount of chlorine and after 24 hours it measured at least 1 ppm (part per million) of chlorine. That really wasn't the total answer, but I was getting closer. I didn't realise it at first, but *the sticks were measuring chlorine dioxide*. Next, I put a lid on the glass containing the mixture and found that it developed the same strength of chlorine in two hours as it did in 24 hours without the lid. That was, of course, as long as I also used the vinegar. The reason was that the chlorine was not going off into the air nearly as quickly.

I transmitted this finding to Tanzania and they began to use this new procedure. They added the teaspoon of vinegar, used a lid and waited for two hours before giving the mixture to the malaria victims. It worked every time. They were not having any failures.

This all sounds easy now, but I did more than 1,000 different tests over a period of one year to figure out all these "simple" things. My money was very limited and swimming-pool test strips were expensive, as were as the various chemicals that I needed to do the testing. I must admit that I didn't do anything really smart or brilliant; I just blundered along with my slight knowledge of the chemistry of metallurgy. There was also the fact that I was a research engineer in the aerospace industry for almost 25 years; I'd set up tests for A-bombs and that sort of thing. So I did have some experience at doing tests. I tried a dozen or more acids and a hundred combinations.

Stabilised oxygen is stable because of its very high alkalinity. When a few drops are added to a glass of water, the alkalinity of the drops is neutralised by the water and ions in the drops become unstable and begin to release chlorine. At least that is what I thought at the time.

So the question is, how do we get this to happen faster? After trying all the mineral acids and various organic acids, I found that vinegar, which is five per cent acetic acid, which is an organic acid, worked the best.

Then I made a mini-breakthrough, which was simple. Instead of using a glass of water, I used no water at all. I just put 20 drops of stabilised oxygen and three teaspoons of vinegar into a clean, dry, empty glass. I swirled it around to mix it. That worked, and

it worked in only three minutes! I checked the mixture with the chlorine strips and it showed a reading of over 5 ppm in only three minutes, and when I added two glasses of water this diluted the mixture out to less than 1 ppm—but the taste was terrible.

The stabilised oxygen mixture with water doesn't taste too bad before the chlorine is released, but afterwards it's pretty bad. Some people don't seem to mind the taste, but most people do. I tried various juices to see which ones might work the best. There were two problems. First, I needed something that would taste okay, but I also needed something that would not change the amount of chlorine. After trying many juices and tasting a lot of drinks, I settled on just plain old apple juice, the kind with no vitamin C added.

The Miracle Mineral Supplement

I moved to the small town of Mina, Nevada, in 2001, where I lived on a gold-milling property at no cost. Dick Johnson, a friend, did this to help me out with my research. It gave me a few extra dollars to help with my investigation of stabilised oxygen.

I began making the solution much stronger than the stabilised oxygen that is sold on the market. For many years, stabilised oxygen was 3.5 per cent sodium chlorite. At this time my solution, which I have named the Miracle Mineral Supplement (MMS), was 28 per cent sodium chlorite. That's eight times stronger than regular stabilised oxygen. When I am making trips into the jungle, it means I can carry eight times as much "healing power" as the original stabilised oxygen formula.

Let me explain what has happened.

The researchers over the past 80 years have done their tests using from five to 20 drops, at the most, of the 3.5 per cent solution. As I started treating people for malaria and other diseases, when a few drops didn't work I just gave them more. In all the research I have been able to read concerning stabilised oxygen, no one increased the drops beyond 25 and very few ever used that many. Where did the old idea go that if 10 drops is good, 40 drops is four times as good? The only precaution that I took was that I always tried the heavier doses on myself first.

Generally I was dealing with people who wanted to get well, and they agreed to try the solution after I had tested it. I didn't go from 10 drops of stabilised oxygen to 120 directly, but I finally wound up at 120 drops and used a second 120 drops one hour later. I did it a little at a time until I found out what it took to cure a disease.

This is not a drug, it is a mineral supplement; and I am an inventor, not a doctor. I don't even know what the Hippocratic oath says; I am not trying to do what doctors do. My job has been to invent a sure cure for malaria, ever since I thought it was possible, and I did accomplish that.

In my opinion, I have never put anyone at risk and I have treated over 2,000 people personally. Over 75,000 malaria cases have been treated, mostly by people I trained. The people treated were cured, and no deaths were reported in the bunch. Normally, over 300 deaths could be expected. When I say "cured", I'm referring to the fact that these people got up, smiled, put their clothes on and went back to work. They have not relapsed, as far as we can tell. Did we do double-blind and triple-blind tests? No. The money was not available.

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Bill Gates told us over the phone that he would not help until we had Food and Drug Administration approval. Usually, FDA approval costs millions, but those people in Africa who went back to work feeling good didn't care if we had FDA approval or not. When I phoned the FDA, they told me that if I was using the formula in Africa; they had no say over there so they would not comment; but if I wanted to get it approved for treatment of malaria in America; then that would be another story. They didn't care if it was not a drug. The minute I said "treatment of any disease", they said that the formula then becomes a drug, for which you must have all of the countless tests and laboratory evaluations prior to approval. That's anywhere from 50 million dollars upwards.

So long as one is using a mineral supplement in the attempt to make people feel better, there is no criticism. So long as one is using a mineral supplement attempting to make people healthier, there is no criticism. But the minute one attempts to treat someone for some specific condition with the same supplement that has been used for at least 80 years, then that is a different story. You must be a doctor, you must do clinical trials, and you must have 100 million dollars for double-blind tests and triple-blind tests and meet dozens of other requirements. No one offers to furnish the money; they just tell you what you are required to do. Their attitude is: "How dare you try to treat someone for a disease! That's for doctors and pharmaceutical companies only."

We know that the MMS (28 per cent sodium chlorite) generates chlorine dioxide (that's ClO₂) when mixed with vinegar. The reason why is because the acetic acid in the vinegar causes the solution to be neutralised or, better than that, causes it to become slightly acidic. The MMS solution is normally extremely alkaline. When it is made acidic by adding the vinegar, it becomes slightly unstable and it begins to release chlorine dioxide. By measuring the drops and the acetic acid, we know that it creates about three milligrams (3 mg) of chlorine dioxide in approximately three minutes. When apple juice (or other juice without vitamin C) is added, it dilutes the solution so that there is about 1 ppm of chlorine dioxide in the total apple juice mixture. The MMS solution continues to generate chlorine dioxide, but now at a much slower rate.

Chlorine and chlorine dioxide have many antiseptic uses; for more than 100 years they have been used to purify water and kill pathogens in hospitals. Lately, chlorine dioxide has been used more and more frequently, especially to purify water. It is authorised by the FDA for cleaning chicken, beef and other foods.

Research has proven chlorine dioxide to be much safer than chlorine, as it is selective for pathogens when used in water and it does not create compounds from other constituents in the water, which chlorine does. Simple chemistry tells us that, without doubt, the same situation exists in the body. It has been proven that chlorine in drinking water creates at least three different carcinogenic compounds when it enters the body, but no such compounds have been found from chlorine dioxide. The American Society of Analytical Chemists stated in 1999 that chlorine dioxide is the most powerful pathogen killer known to man.

There is no excuse why more research has not been conducted into a solution that has been used for 100 years to kill disease-

causing germs. The pharmaceutical companies not only haven't done the research, but they've actually refused to test the stabilised oxygen many times.

Closing Remarks

The Miracle Mineral Supplement solution is available for you to purchase immediately. If you don't want the hassle and you would like to try my exact formula, you can order it from my friend in Canada, Kenneth Richards, or from other people in the US who are manufacturing it. At this time, they all charge about the same price. Most are putting it into a four-ounce-sized bottle (it actually contains 5.5 ounces) for only US\$20 plus shipping, which is a minimal cost. So far they have kept the price down. I want everyone to be able to afford MMS without spending a lot of money. There are 650 six-drop doses in this bottle, which should last you up to two years. That's far more solution than what's available from anyone else who is selling the weak solution of stabilised oxygen. So, make it yourself or buy it. Just get it into as many hands as possible.

For information about obtaining MMS, go to the websites <http://www.health4allinfo.ca> and <http://www.miraclemineral.org>.

I have no personal interest in my friend's business, but Kenneth

has agreed to donate \$1.00 per bottle to the operation that is distributing the MMS to Africa, so you will be helping the project in Africa with your purchase.

If you want to communicate for some reason, my email address is jim@jimhumble.com. However, only emails with "Stories of Success" typed into the subject area will get past the server's spam filter. All emails that pass the spam filter will be read. ∞

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ARE MOST DISEASES CAUSED BY THE MEDICAL SYSTEM?

Medical treatments, pharmaceutical drugs and decisions based on wrong information are responsible for causing an epidemic of disease throughout the western world.

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I do not want to pretend that this is an impartial investigation. Instead, I am now completely convinced that most diseases are indeed caused by the medical system, and in the following pages I state my reasons for this conclusion. Increasingly over the years, my health beliefs have been turned around.

I started out by working as a biochemist and toxicologist in university medical departments, fully believing that all these chronic and incurable diseases are indeed incurable and generally of unknown origin, but that pharmaceutical drugs make life easier for patients and often are even curative. My re-education started after immigrating to New Zealand and learning about natural healing and living; this made me realise that disease is mainly caused by unnatural living conditions and can be overcome by natural methods of living and healing.

While I learned about the harmful nature of drug treatment, I was still thinking of it as being ineffective and causing side effects rather than being a main cause of our diseases. Diseases caused by medical treatment are called *iatrogenic* diseases. The total number of iatrogenic deaths in the USA for 2001 was estimated to be 783,936; these were due to fatal drug reactions, medical errors and unnecessary medical and surgical procedures. With this, the medical system is the leading cause of death and injury in the United States. In comparison, in 2001, heart disease deaths were 699,697 and cancer deaths were 553,251.¹

This is also the reason why it is so beneficial for patients when doctors go on strike. Statistics show that whenever there has been a strike by doctors, the death rate in the affected population has fallen dramatically. In 1976, the death rate fell by 35 per cent in Bogotá, Colombia, and by 18 per cent in Los Angeles County, California, during doctors' strikes. In Israel in 1973, the death rate fell by 50 per cent during a strike. Only once before was there a similar drop in the death rate in Israel, and that was during another doctors' strike 20 years earlier. After each strike, the death rate jumped again to its normal level.²

However, these figures for iatrogenic deaths do not take into account iatrogenic diseases from the long-term harm done by medical treatments where patients survive but with a chronic disease. My real awakening to this problem started when I became aware of the story of Orian Truss who discovered the candidiasis-causing potential of antibiotics.

Dr Orian Truss's Candida Discovery

In 1953, in a hospital in Alabama, USA, Dr Orian Truss discovered the devastating effects of antibiotics.³ During a ward round, Truss was intrigued by a gaunt, apparently elderly, man who was obviously dying. However, he was only in his forties and had been in hospital for four months. No specialist had been able to make a diagnosis. Out of curiosity, Truss asked the patient when he was last completely well. The man answered that he was well until six months before when he had cut his finger. He had received antibiotics for this. Shortly afterwards, he developed diarrhoea and his health deteriorated. Truss had seen before how antibiotics cause diarrhoea. It was known that *Candida* was opportunistic and thrived in debilitated patients, but now Truss wondered if it might not be the other way around—that candida actually *caused* the debilitated condition. Truss had read that potassium iodide solution could be used to treat candida infestation of the blood, so he put the patient on six to eight drops of Lugol's solution four times a day for three weeks and before long the patient was completely well again.

Soon afterwards, Dr Truss had a female patient with a stuffy nose, a throbbing

headache, vaginitis and severe depression. To his amazement, all her problems immediately cleared with treatment for candida. Some time later, he saw a female patient who had been schizophrenic for six years and had had hundreds of electroshock treatments and massive drug dosages. He started treating the woman for sinus allergies with a candida remedy. Soon she recovered mentally and physically, and remained well.

From then on he treated his patients against candida at the slightest indication of its presence. Many of his patients made remarkable recoveries from most unusual conditions, including menstrual problems, hyperactivity, learning disabilities, autism, schizophrenia, multiple sclerosis and auto-immune diseases such as Crohn's disease and lupus erythematosus.

Every experienced naturopath can relate similar success stories. Also, some alternative medical practitioners have realised the curative potential of anti-candida therapy, as for instance Dr William Crook who wrote several books about the successful treatment of allergies and hyperactivity in children.⁴

The Antibiotic Syndrome

Candidiasis is not the only side effect of antibiotic treatment, and antibiotics are not the only drugs that cause such problems. Drugs used in chemotherapy, anti-inflammatory steroidal drugs and other long-term drug therapies tend to kill or suppress the natural intestinal bacteria, and so yeast, parasites and harmful bacteria start taking over. This condition is called *dysbiosis*. Most patients receive such drugs in hospitals and can be expected to develop systemic candida overgrowth as a result.

Our natural intestinal flora, mainly based on lactobacteria, not only help to digest and absorb food but also protect us against ingested harmful bacteria that otherwise might cause food poisoning. With a healthy intestinal flora, millions of salmonella bacteria might be needed to cause an infection; but with dysbiosis, only tens of salmonella would be required.

With chronic dysbiosis, the intestinal wall becomes inflamed, causing ulcers, appendicitis, malabsorption and Crohn's disease; and as the intestinal membrane erodes, the patient develops multiple food allergies, arthritis and autoimmune diseases. In addition to candida, other pathogens and parasites now invade the bloodstream and various organs. With live-cell analysis, natural therapists can see and show their patients the fungi in their blood. This invasion greatly weakens the immune system so that people now become susceptible to frequent or chronic infections. Commonly these are then treated with more antibiotics—a practice which continues to intensify the symptoms.

Actually, the problem is not with the antibiotics. You can take a course if you feel it is needed, provided that you take a fungicide, such as fresh garlic, at the same time and have some probiotics after the antibiotics and before you ingest any carbohydrates. This will prevent most diseases that are caused by the careless medical method of using antibiotics. For more details, see "Candida and the Antibiotic Syndrome" (<http://www.health-science-spirit.com/candida.html>).

Autoimmune Diseases and Asthma

Autoimmune diseases, including psoriasis, lupus erythematosus and pancreatitis, have been linked to dysbiosis. When remedies are given that bind bacterial endotoxins, these conditions usually improve. In addition, autoimmune diseases have been shown to be linked to mycoplasmas or nanobacteria which start to develop from diseased red blood cells in the presence of toxic chemicals and systemic candida. The weaker our immune system becomes, the more these mycoplasmas start to develop into bacterial and, finally, fungal forms. They have been found in all autoimmune diseases, cancers and AIDS.⁵

Antibiotics are also a major contributing cause of asthma. According to a study, children who received broad-spectrum antibiotics were about nine times more likely to suffer from asthma.⁶ A recent research paper confirmed dysbiosis as a main cause of asthma.⁷

In the 1980s, New Zealand had the highest rate of asthma deaths in the world. This rate was drastically reduced when in 1991 the inhaler drug Fenoterol was banned, as it caused a 13- times higher risk of dying.⁸ This reduction in the asthma death rate was generally hailed as a great triumph for medical science. Other studies revealed that asthmatics using more than one bronchodilator inhaler a month had a 50-fold increased risk of suffering a fatal asthma attack.

In addition to asthma, I also see the combination of pasteurised cow's milk with antibiotic-induced dysbiosis in babies and infants as the main cause of their frequent infections and glue ear and greatly contributing to cot death. Because health authorities insist on pasteurising milk, and doctors prescribe antibiotics without the most basic precautions, I regard asthma and most childhood infections as predominantly iatrogenic diseases.

In the "good old days", people ingested a lot of lactic-acid-fermented foods and raw milk products that replenished our "good" bacteria; and because antibiotics had not been

invented, dysbiosis and therefore chronic diseases were rare. Instead, people mainly died from acute infections due to unhygienic living conditions, and in the slums also from malnutrition.

Staphylococcus aureus, or golden staph, causes serious infections in hospital patients. It has been found that not only golden staph but also other infections are greatly potentised when they occur in combination with candida overgrowth. As candida overgrowth is a natural outcome of the standard hospital treatment, it is easy to see why golden staph is so deadly in hospitals.

A similar picture emerges with AIDS. People do not die from the virus that leads to AIDS, but from candida or fungus-potentised bacterial and mycoplasma infections. The end stage of AIDS is the same as the end stage of cancer. It is called *cachexia*, a wasting condition mainly caused by fungal overgrowth. Lugol's iodine solution and other systemic fungicides should do wonders for it. Presently MMS, a 28 per cent solution of sodium chlorite,

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is also gaining acceptance as an effective antimicrobial remedy (see <http://www.miraclemineral.org>).

All of this shows that antibiotic-induced dysbiosis and candida are not isolated and relatively harmless problems, as the medical profession prefers to believe, but, rather, are the underlying cause of most of our modern diseases.

Cancer and Leukaemia

One hundred years ago, the rate of cancer was very low. I have no doubt that the phenomenal increase in the use of agricultural and industrial chemicals as well as pharmaceutical drugs has greatly accelerated the increase in the cancer rate, and there is also a link to the consumption of sugar. Even stronger is the link to dysbiosis and candida.

Chemotherapy commonly leads to systemic candida infections, which greatly limit the success rate of the treatment. Long-term follow-up studies show that children develop 18 times more secondary malignant tumours later in life, that girls face a 75-times higher risk of breast cancer by the time they are forty,⁹ and that the risk of developing leukaemia after chemotherapy for ovarian cancer increases 21-fold. Also, other tumours commonly develop after treating malignancies with chemotherapy.¹⁰ A

main problem appears to be the development of deep or systemic candida infections shortly after starting chemotherapy.¹¹

Only recently have oncologists started to acknowledge what patients called "chemo-brain", a distressing loss of memory and other cognitive functions. Psychiatrists have now found that the conventional treatment of cancer causes serious depression in 15 to 25 per cent of patients. "The depression itself can often be worse than the disease," they say.¹² Brain fog and depression are common with systemic candida. All of this shows that chemotherapy tends to cause leukaemia and cancer many years later, mainly as a result of dysbiosis and systemic candida infection. The reason for the widespread use of chemotherapy despite its lack of effectiveness, severe side effects and long-term cancer promotion can be seen in the fact that private-practice oncologists in the USA typically derive two-thirds of their income from selling chemotherapy to patients.¹³

This chemotherapy connection makes it very likely that dysbiosis and systemic candida also promote cancer and leukaemia when they are caused as a result of antibiotic treatment. The rate of cancer really accelerated only after the use of antibiotics became widespread.

There is also more direct evidence that candida and other fungi are a cause of leukaemia. Meinolf Karthaus, MD, reported on several children with leukaemia going into remission upon receiving antifungal remedies for their "secondary" fungal infections.¹⁴ In his lifetime of work, Milton White, MD, found fungal spores in every sample of cancer tissue he studied.¹⁵

Fungal infections have been diagnosed and treated as leukaemia, and leukaemia has disappeared on grain-free diets, presumably because of the high content of mycotoxins in grains.¹⁶

The Italian oncologist Dr Tullio Simoncini claims a

success rate of up to 90 per cent by treating cancer as a fungus. He infuses tumours with sodium bicarbonate solution and recommends taking bicarbonate in water to get rid of gastrointestinal cancer.¹⁷

Recently I received a personal communication that a large stomach tumour had unexpectedly shrunk after some mouthwash was swallowed for a few weeks for a different problem. The main ingredient of this mouthwash was benzoic acid, a strong fungicide that inhibits the metabolism of fungal cells. Cancer cells have the same fungal-type metabolism which thrives on high levels of glucose and insulin, and they may therefore be regarded as types of fungal cells.

While the work of the German doctor Ryke Geerd Hamer¹⁸ shows that emotional shock is a major trigger for the development of cancer, a weak immune system as caused by intestinal dysbiosis, systemic candidiasis, toxic chemicals and root canal treatments appears to be an essential co-factor. After all, a century ago people must have had a similar number of emotional shocks as at present, but cancer was very rare. Conversely, there are lots of people with dysbiosis and filled root canals who do not have cancer, but add emotional shock and *voilà!*

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Root Canal Fillings

Root-canal-filled teeth are a variation on the theme of intestinal dysbiosis. They, too, appear to be a major contributing factor in many health problems, including cancer, heart disease, arthritis, kidney disease and auto-immune diseases. This is due to microbes that multiply in the multitude of tiny canals or tubules in the dentine and gradually leach out into the lymph system. Even normally harmless microbes become very dangerous and more virulent and toxic under the anaerobic conditions in dead teeth.



Dr Weston Price,¹⁹ a former Director of Research for the American Dental Association, observed that the removal of root-filled teeth from patients with kidney or heart disease would in most cases lead to an improvement. When he inserted a removed root-filled tooth under the skin of a rabbit, the animal would die within two days. When he implanted normal teeth, there was no adverse health effect. In some experiments he implanted the same fragments of root-filled teeth in succession under the skins of up to 100 rabbits and they all died within two weeks of the same disease that the human donor had!

Dr Price conducted about 5,000 experiments over 25 years. He did not find a reliable method to disinfect dead teeth and make them safe. His research has been suppressed, and if at all mentioned by our dental associations then it is described as "dated" because this research was conducted and published over 70 years ago but has never been repeated or otherwise investigated and root canal fillings have never been shown to be safe. The main argument for the supposed safety of root-canal-filled teeth is that millions of people have them and are still alive many years later. The question of root canal fillings causing widespread degenerative diseases is not discussed or researched. Dr Price found that about 30 per cent of individuals have such a strong immune system that they do not develop problems from root canal fillings until they become old, but the remaining 70 per cent develop problems much sooner.

I regard root canal fillings, even more so than intestinal dysbiosis, as a major cause of autoimmune diseases. In 1993, George E. Meinig, DDS, a former root canal specialist in the USA, republished the dental research of Dr Price in a popular version and included his own experiences.²⁰

Iatrogenic Heart Attacks and the Chlorine Link

One hundred years ago, heart attacks were almost unknown despite diets generally being high in saturated fats. The ascent of heart attacks began with the pasteurisation of milk and the use of chlorine to kill bacteria in public water supplies. This began around 1900 and was generally accepted in western countries in the 1920s.

From 1920 onwards, the explosive increase in the incidence of cardiovascular disease and fatal heart attacks began, but only in countries that chlorinated their water supplies. These diseases remained unknown in, for instance, Africa, China, Japan and other parts of Asia. However, when Japanese citizens immigrated to Hawaii where water was chlorinated, they suffered the same rate of heart attacks as the Americans. And the African-American population in the US has the average US rate of heart attacks, but not so their brothers in Africa. Residents of the non-chlorinated Roseto in Pennsylvania remained free of heart attacks unless they moved to a chlorinated area.²¹ Some of the chlorine reacts with organic impurities in water to form organochlorines (DDT is an organochlorine), while the rest remains as residual free-chlorine in the water. It may then react either with food chemicals or with parts of our digestive tract.

In 1967, Dr Joseph Price in the USA performed a decisive experiment. With one group of 50 three-month-old chickens (cockerels), he added one-third of a teaspoon of chlorine bleach to

about one litre of their drinking water whilst another group of 50 chickens served as controls. Seven months later, over 95 per cent of the chlorinated group had advanced atherosclerosis, yet none of the control group showed any such evidence. In the following years Dr Price repeated his experiment many times, always with the same results, and more recently even researchers funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency have confirmed atherosclerotic-type changes in other animals, including monkeys, when exposed to chlorinated water.²²

Drug and Chemical Cocktails

Basically all drugs are more or less toxic: the more so, the more "powerful" they are. Natural remedies cannot be patented; therefore, in order to maximise profits, the pharmaceutical industry routinely makes and sells synthetic versions of effective natural remedies. Synthetic substances are usually more difficult to detoxify than natural remedies and tend to create more problems the longer they are taken. Often they become highly addictive and after some time may cause the symptoms that they originally alleviated. However, this is rarely acknowledged by drug companies or medical practitioners; instead, when a problem arises, alternative or additional drugs are prescribed.

One of the main problems is that drugs are tested individually for relatively short periods, but then prescribed as drug cocktails for very long periods. Drugs have not been tested under these conditions and therefore all drug use, except as individual drugs for short periods, is unscientific and unsafe. As a result of this, there are countless dangerous and fatal drug interactions and side effects, as reported in numerous books, articles and statistics.

It is similar with the thousands of synthetic chemicals and heavy metals that are allowed by health authorities to contaminate our living space. These are even less tested than drugs but also react with each other and with drugs in a brew that is impossible to disentangle.

I want to mention just one instance of such a combination. The herbicide paraquat and the fungicide maneb are widely used in farming and may remain present as residues in crops. Each on its own did not cause a problem, but if rats and mice were exposed to both together, even at very low rates, they developed symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The leader of the research team said: "No one has looked at the effects of studying together some of these compounds that, taken by themselves, have little effect. This has enormous implications [and] it's a huge problem to start thinking about a nearly infinite array of mixtures of chemicals, instead of the risk that a single chemical might pose."²³

We have similar problems with fluoride and chlorine as well as mercury, aluminium, nickel and other heavy and toxic metals being deliberately put into vaccines and used in dentistry. For detailed documentation of the problems associated with heavy metals and endocrine-disrupting chemicals, see articles by Bernard Windham.²⁴

Lack of Sunlight Implicated in Diseases

Health authorities and medical associations have campaigned strongly on avoiding sun exposure to the skin. Presumably such exposure causes skin cancer, including melanoma that can kill.

Generally, outdoors workers with the most sun exposure have the lowest rates of skin cancer and melanoma, while melanoma often shows up in office workers.

However, the vast majority of incidences is normal skin cancer that almost never kills, and there is widespread doubt that melanomas are really caused by normal sun exposure, although there seems to be a link with sunburn. Generally, outdoors workers with the most sun exposure have the lowest rates of skin cancer and melanoma, while melanoma often shows up in office workers. Melanoma often occurs on areas of the skin that have not been exposed to sunlight. Other studies show a strong link between long-term exposure to fluorescent lighting and melanoma.²⁵ With the present campaign in Australia to replace all incandescent light bulbs with fluorescent ones by 2009–10, I expect a melanoma epidemic in 10 to 20 years' time.²⁶

Now, more and more research papers show that a vast number of diseases, especially cancer, could be avoided by greatly increasing our level of vitamin D with suitable foods, supplements and frequent or daily short exposure of sunshine to the skin.

Sunlight is our main source of vitamin D. Research shows that there is a strong negative correlation between available sunlight and breast cancer death rates, and that living in a sunny area is associated with lower cancer rates. Even skin cancer is inhibited by regular low-level sunlight exposure; only sunburn is a strong skin cancer promoter. It has now been calculated that worldwide, with these measures, about 600,000 cases of colon and breast cancer could be prevented.²⁷

Furthermore, the researchers pointed out that by increasing levels of vitamin D3 by regular sunlight exposure and other measures, we could prevent diseases that claim nearly one million lives throughout the world each year.^{28,29}

The irony of all this is that the present skin cancer epidemic, in my opinion, has been manufactured by our health authorities and medical experts. There are three conditions that make us susceptible to developing skin cancers with high sunlight exposure. These are overacidity, a high ratio of omega-6 to omega-3 fatty acids and a lack of antioxidants. The most common cause of overacidity is candida overgrowth, especially in combination with the officially recommended diet high in cereals. Our omega-6 to omega-3 ratio was always somewhat too high, but it went off the chart when our health authorities recommended replacing saturated fats with seed oils high in omega-6 fatty acids. This increased inflammatory conditions of all kinds, including tumours and skin cancers. To make matters worse, health authorities also discourage and legally minimise the use of antioxidant nutrients.

With these measures, health authorities created the conditions for an epidemic of skin cancers. Then they tried to prevent skin cancers by recommending complete avoidance of sunlight exposure, which in turn caused large-scale vitamin D deficiency with an estimated loss of one million lives each year. I sometimes ask myself if it is simply ignorance and incompetence or if there is something more sinister to it.

Obesity and Diabetes Epidemics

I could write a book about all the health problems caused by the

medical–pharmaceutical complex and the neglectful way in which health authorities contribute to our diseases. In addition to directly causing diseases, these same forces also prevent the healing of these same diseases by restricting, suppressing and persecuting the practitioners of natural medicine as well as giving disease-causing nutritional advice.

Until 1980, the rates of obesity and type 2 diabetes were fairly stable. However, when health authorities in the USA started vilifying foods containing fats and cholesterol and recommended eating more carbohydrates instead, obesity increased from 15 per cent of the American adult population in 1976–1980 to 32.9 per cent in 2003–2004.³⁰ Type 2 diabetes became an epidemic as well. In addition, for the first time in history, a large number of obese children developed type 2 diabetes—so much so, it is no longer called "maturity-onset" diabetes. Also, children are now developing type 1 and type 2 diabetes simultaneously.^{31,32,33} These are iatrogenic diseases, caused by the medical system.

Natural health practitioners are experts in preventing and successfully treating chronic diseases with nutrition and other natural methods—diseases that include the metabolic syndrome which leads to diabetes, heart disease and overweight. It is routinely and quickly remedied with proper nutrition, but with accepted medical practice it becomes a lifelong condition managed with drugs that are more or less toxic. Surgery is used for a wide range of conditions and patients are severely traumatised or mutilated for life, when these problems could be successfully treated with natural therapies.

Side Effects of Vaccinations

Vaccinations are the proud showpiece of drug medicine in eliminating the dreaded childhood infections of previous centuries. However, long-term statistics and diagrams tell a different story.

Starting between 1850 and 1900, scarlet fever, diphtheria, whooping cough and measles had declined by about 90 per cent by the time general vaccination was introduced for each disease. While statistics vary between different countries, this is generally true for England, the United States and Australia. Whooping cough had declined in England and Wales by about 98.5 per cent before a vaccine became generally available, and measles had declined by over 99 per cent. Tuberculosis had declined by 87 per cent when antibiotics first became available and by 93 per cent before the introduction of the BCG vaccine. The death rate from rheumatic fever had declined by 86 per cent by the time penicillin was introduced.³⁴ All of this has obviously more to do with better plumbing than with vaccinations.

There are also statistics showing that death rates from targeted diseases have risen with the introduction of vaccines. Other side effects ascribed to modern vaccines are cot or crib death (SIDS) and a strong rise in autism and shaken baby syndrome (spot bleeding in the brain), which apparently has landed innocent parents in prison. Experts strongly deny that there is a connection between vaccines and autism, but it is strange nevertheless that

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the rates of autism have suddenly exploded without an obvious reason. Interestingly, there is no autism in Amish children, who are generally not vaccinated. In addition, vaccinated children have about 150 per cent more neurological disorders such as ADHD and autism compared to unvaccinated children.³⁵

Another curious aspect of vaccine safety statistics was highlighted by Dr Archie Kalokerinos.³⁶ Working in the remote Australian outback with Aboriginal people, he found that every second child died as a result of vaccinations. Because deaths commonly occurred about three weeks after vaccination, they were not recorded as vaccine related; officially, reactions were limited to occurring only for up to two weeks after vaccination. However, Dr Kalokerinos eventually solved the problem by giving babies high doses of vitamin C before vaccinations, and no more vaccination deaths occurred. Also, SIDS incidence disappeared. Naturally, he encountered ridicule and hostility from his medical colleagues, and babies are still dying needlessly.

Bias against Natural Therapies

It has become a habit that any successful natural cancer remedy or treatment is quickly outlawed by our health authorities. Many natural health practitioners have been dragged before the courts and often imprisoned, especially in the area of cancer treatment.³⁷ This is especially regrettable because there is no evidence that the methods of orthodox cancer therapy are in any way successful.³⁸

One of the methods increasingly used to denigrate natural therapies is for the pharmaceutical industry to finance shoddy research on natural remedies and then proclaim the remedies to be ineffective or harmful. This is only partly intended to influence the general public, but mainly to provide the justification for health authorities to outlaw and greatly restrict natural remedies.³⁹

Another strategy is not to list favourable vitamin studies in the Medline database which is taxpayer-funded and operated by the US National Library of Medicine. It lists all articles published in medical research journals, and even in *Time* magazine and *Reader's Digest*, but not the peer-reviewed *Journal of Orthomolecular Medicine* (<http://www.orthomed.org/jom/jomlist.htm>) which specialises in vitamin research. Now the *British Medical Journal* has published a letter about Medline bias,⁴⁰ and this has forced Medline to index articles on Medline bias. However, because all these favourable vitamin studies are not indexed by Medline, proponents of drug medicine can claim that there are no studies which show that vitamins are useful in the treatment of diseases or that they are safe in high doses, and therefore they seek to restrict them to very low doses. Of course, yearly fatalities worldwide due to vitamins are zero; in comparison, drug fatalities are infinitely higher.

Thirty years ago, Linus Pauling, PhD, showed that high doses of vitamin C are beneficial in cancer treatment. This has been "disproved" by the orthodoxy ever since. But now, a study by conventional scientists at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore,

Maryland, has shown that he was right.⁴¹

In addition, the *Journal of Orthomolecular Medicine* has just published a double-blind, randomised clinical trial showing that HIV-positive patients given supplemental nutrients can stop their decline into AIDS.⁴² This poses a big threat to the medical-pharmaceutical complex and is one more reason not to index this journal on Medline.

There exists a systemic culture of suppression of dissenting views in science and medicine, and frequently a vicious persecution with "Gestapo-like" methods.^{43,44} Recently in the USA, a mother was even imprisoned and brutalised for illegally using natural methods to cure her son of malignant melanoma.⁴⁵

Of course, this assault by the medical-pharmaceutical complex on natural healing methods is not illegal. On the contrary, in a capitalist system the industry has a duty to maximise profits by eliminating the competition and generating a steady supply of patients with chronic diseases who can be managed indefinitely with drugs.

The question is: just why do government health authorities make and enforce laws on behalf of drug medicine and against natural medicine? Theoretically, they should be impartial and ensure the best outcome for the population. I believe the answer can be found in some good lateral thinking by the pharmaceutical industry. By paying for and influencing much of the medical education,^{46,47,48} it automatically produces health officials who are steeped in pharmaceutical thinking. No bribery is needed, but health officials always know that there is a well-paid job waiting if and when they want to retire from government service.

Natural Medicine to the Rescue

Health authorities so far have ignored the claims and evidence that natural medicine is the superior form of treatment for chronic and medically incurable diseases. The very fact of a high rate of chronic disease in our society attests to the inability of the

medical profession to treat these diseases successfully. I have no doubt that natural medicine could eliminate most chronic diseases within a decade, needing only a few per cent of the money that is spent on conventional medicine. The knowledge is already available; no expensive high-tech research is needed that may or may not give results some time in the future.

There is a simple, low-cost solution for bringing about the healing of our society:

1. Phase out public assistance for pharmaceutical companies and their research, and require research to show that a drug is safe with long-term use in combination with other common drugs and chemicals and with old or fragile patients or, alternatively that it is superior in the long term to available natural treatments.
2. Make it illegal for pharmaceutical companies to fund medical education or provide drug information, marketing or incentives directly to the public or to medical practitioners, or to employ former health officials.

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FABRICATING THE DEATH OF ADOLF HITLER

The Hitler suicide story was used by the British as a weapon of psychological warfare to discredit National Socialism and stifle the German people's will to resist foreign occupation.

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The Soviets' futile search for the real Hitler corpse

The evidence I have discussed so far establishes that, during the last days of the Third Reich, multiple cremations were carried out in the Reich Chancellery grounds in front of sundry witnesses who had been persuaded to believe that the bodies they saw being cremated were those of Adolf and Eva Hitler. It would also appear that Heusemann and Echtmann, the two dental workers associated with Hitler's dentist, Professor Blaschke, deceived themselves into thinking that they possessed sufficient expertise to identify the human remains recovered by the Soviets as those of Adolf and Eva Hitler. The progress of the Soviet investigation was so rapid, however, that it had begun to fall apart even before the problems with Heusemann's and Echtmann's evidence could have been detected.

The Soviets' problems began on 8 May—the day the autopsy of the putative Hitler remains was carried out—when a "bullet-torn and battered body of a man identified as Hitler" was found in the ruins of the bunker.¹ An American war correspondent, Joseph ("Joe") W. Grigg, Jr, proudly announced from Berlin that Hitler's body had almost certainly been found. Grigg was soon forced to retract his scoop, however. On 10 May, he reported that "[f]our bodies, blackened and charred, that seem to answer to Hitler's general appearance have been dragged out of the [Chancellery] ruins". He observed that "none has been identified as being definitely that of the Nazi *Fuehrer*". Considering that within five days they had found six corpses, any one of which could have been Hitler's, Grigg's conclusion was appropriately pessimistic: "...the Russians are beginning to believe that no body that can be identified without any shadow of doubt as that of Adolf Hitler ever will be found now".²

It is no small indication of the difficulties the Soviets experienced that, within a month of being discovered, the corpses initially taken to be those of Hitler and his wife had been buried, unburied and reburied no less than three times. They were first buried at an undisclosed location near Berlin, then exhumed and moved to Finov in the Soviet Union, and then exhumed and reburied in Rathenau, Germany, on 3 June 1945. Nor did their travels end there. A month later, they were taken to Friedrichshagen, Germany, where one of Hitler's bodyguards, Harry Mengershausen, was asked to look at them for identification purposes. It would be hard to account for this macabre travelling show if the Soviets were sure that the bodies they had found were really those of the Hitler couple.

In early June, the substantial scale of the hoax became apparent when it was revealed that the bunker had been littered with bodies of numerous individuals dressed in Hitler's trousers. On 9 June, during a press conference attended by British, American, French and Russian reporters, the Soviet military commander Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov admitted that they had "found no corpses which could be Hitler's". The Soviet commandant of Berlin, Colonel-General Nikolai E. Bezarin, explained that the Russians had "...found several bodies in Hitler's Reich Chancellery with the *Fuehrer's* name on their clothes... In Hitler's Chancellery we found, in fact, too many bodies with his name on the clothes. It got to be a joke. Every time I would find a pair of pants I would say, 'These are Hitler's'." Zhukov told the reporters that he now considered it a serious possibility that Hitler had escaped Berlin by air. "He could have taken off at the very last moment, for there was an airfield at his disposal," he said.³

Strikingly, one of the planted corpses could have belonged to Hitler's arch-enemy, Admiral Wilhelm Canaris, the duplicitous head of the *Abwehr* (German military intelligence) who was tried and sentenced to death for complicity in the 20 July 1944 assassination plot. In December 1950, Canaris's adjutant, Willy Jenke, told British author

Ian Colvin that he had just received fresh information about Canaris's fate from a former acquaintance, Johannes Toeppen, who had been the *Abwehr's* chief accountant. Toeppen told Jenke that "Canaris was seen in Berlin about April 20th [1945] under close escort and...that he was subsequently told that the Admiral had been shot and buried in a bomb crater on April 23rd at a time when Hitler was ordering some of the last executions".⁴ It would be incredibly ironic if the male corpse autopsied by the Soviets on 8 May 1945 had actually been that of Admiral Canaris.

By June 1945, the Soviets could be virtually certain that they had not found Hitler's corpse. From that point onwards, however, rather than acknowledging the prospect that Hitler's body might never be found, Stalin endorsed the idea that Hitler had escaped from the bunker. While attending the Potsdam Conference in Berlin in July 1945, during conversations with US Secretary of State James F. Byrnes and Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Chairman of the American Joint Chiefs of Staff, Stalin expressed the firm conviction that Hitler was still alive. In fact, in August 1945, he accused the British of "concealing the real, living Adolf Hitler in their sector of Berlin".⁵

The origins of the suicide legend

During the last week of April and first few days of May 1945, the world laboured under considerable uncertainty as to Hitler's whereabouts. Reports that Hitler had gone to Berlin to conduct the city's defence were dismissed as propaganda. Among numerous reports published concerning this subject, several claimed that Hitler was already dead. The first such report came from a "high diplomat" who had reached safety in Switzerland; on 28 April, he said that Hitler and Goebbels had been shot three days earlier.⁶ The next day, papers reported that according to a "high British source" Himmler had had Hitler poisoned.⁷

The first official pronouncement on Hitler's fate came at 10.27 pm on 1 May 1945, when Admiral Karl Doenitz declared over Hamburg radio that Hitler had "fallen at his command post in the Reich Chancery fighting to the last breath against Bolshevism and for Germany". Until they learned about this broadcast, the Allies apparently had not known that Hitler was dead. But the British accepted the idea with enthusiasm. "The Foreign Office took the view that it was 'extremely unlikely' Hitler's death would have been announced by the Germans if it had not actually occurred, the [anonymous Foreign Office] commentator said."⁸

While the certainty of the British media set the tone for other countries in the Empire, such as Canada and Australia, scepticism was widespread in the United States. An editorial in the *New York Times* cautioned:

"The Nazis have made lies so much a part of their politics, and the reports about Hitler's alleged doubles have been so widely spread, that these announcements are bound to leave in many minds that the master liar is attempting to perpetrate one last great hoax on the world in an effort to save himself, and perhaps prepare the way for his return at a later and more auspicious time."⁹

The *Salamanca Republican-Press* wrote in the same vein:

"The German radio is a creature of the Nazi regime, and one of the Nazi principles is that lying is not only permissible but praiseworthy if it will further Nazi purposes. Some such

announcement as this would be a natural ruse if Hitler decided to do what he has been reported to have planned to do—disappear, and 'go underground', there to plan further crimes."¹⁰

In his war column published on the same page, DeWitt Mackenzie asserted:

"The story of Hitler's death is almost to [sic] good to be true, and certainly can't be accepted until proof is forthcoming, because there's such a strong possibility of trickery."¹¹

A Gallup poll subsequently established that 68 per cent of those surveyed questioned whether Hitler was really dead.¹²

However, the question of whether Hitler was really dead was instantly eclipsed by the question of *how* he had died. This time, the *New York Times* was at the least sceptical end of the spectrum, asserting in its editorial column that "there seems to be no good reason to doubt that Hitler...died as the [German] announcement says he did".¹³ The editorial made the persuasive point that such a death would have helped "*perpetuate the legend* which formed the core of Nazi propaganda and by which [Hitler] rose to power—the legend that he and the Nazis were shining knights in armor fighting for European civilization against bolshevism—to their last breath." (My italics)

At the other extreme, a British Foreign Office spokesman dismissed the idea that Hitler had gone down fighting as the "most complete nonsense".¹⁴ To support this conclusion, the spokesman revealed that several days earlier, "Himmler was said to have given the information that Hitler was likely to die within 48 hours".¹⁵ He had given this information to a Swedish contact, Count Folke Bernadotte, who later claimed that on this occasion Himmler had told him that he planned to create "a Hitler legend which, after the fall of the Third Reich, would play the same part as the 'stab in the back' phrase after the peace of

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Versailles".¹⁶ If Himmler really had said this, Bernadotte must have relayed the information to the Allies very quickly, for, even before anyone could even be sure that Hitler was dead, the priority had shifted to insisting that Hitler "had met death in a manner which would thwart any die-hard Nazi attempt to build a Wagnerian legend about him".¹⁷

Intriguingly, an Associated Press report from London that was published in the *Toronto Globe and Mail* on 2 May 1945 asserted that Doenitz's claim that Hitler had died a hero's death had been denounced by a "ghost voice":

"Doenitz eulogized Hitler as a man who had dedicated his life to Germany and to warring against 'Bolshevism', and who now had died a 'hero's death'. A powerful ghost voice interrupted him, shouting: 'This is a lie!' The ghost voice continued to heckle throughout the Doenitz speech."¹⁸

Whether this report of a "ghost voice" is true or not, it shows that the Foreign Office was anxious from the first to cast doubt on claims that Hitler had died as a result of enemy action.

The next day, 3 May, probably at the request of his political adviser, John Wheeler-Bennett of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (the British equivalent of the Council on Foreign Relations), US General Dwight D. Eisenhower laid his considerable prestige behind what seemed at the time to be the best alternative theory of Hitler's demise. He backed up the Foreign Office statement, explaining that early on the morning of

24 April Himmler had told Count Bernadotte that Hitler was "a dying man" and that Himmler's intelligence chief, Walter Schellenberg, had told Bernadotte that Hitler was "suffering from a brain hemorrhage".¹⁹ Initially, therefore, the Allies inclined towards the view that Hitler had died of natural causes, in effect taking Himmler's word over Doenitz's. A BBC announcer also told the world that Hitler had died of a stroke—information that had been leaked that same day at the San Francisco conference by the British Foreign Minister, Sir Anthony Eden.²⁰

However, the Allies were not merely prejudiced from the start against any account of Hitler's fate that might have fuelled the enthusiasm of the Nazi underground resistance, but were also biased in favour of the *most ignominious account possible*. Thus the idea that Hitler had died a natural death began being deflated as soon as evidence emerged that Hitler had not been in bad health at all. On 7 May, the *Baltimore Sun* stated that according to Major Erwin Giesing (Hitler's brain, ear, nose and throat specialist, who had seen him on 15 February 1945), Hitler had been "in unusually good physical condition for a man of his age" and had certainly not died of a brain haemorrhage.²¹ Reports pouring cold water on the theory that Hitler had been ill and had probably died a natural death or had been euthanased continued to be published whenever the opportunity arose.²²

But what really brought about the rapid demise of the natural death theory were the revelations of the most important member of the regime to have been captured alive thus far: Dr Hans Fritzsche.

Dr Fritzsche, Goebbels's deputy in the Propaganda Ministry and Germany's leading radio propagandist, was taken into custody by the Soviets on 2 May after he had formally handed the city over to them in a ceremony in the Tiergarten. The next morning, 3 May, the Soviets issued a communiqué stating that Dr Fritzsche had made a deposition in which he declared that Hitler, Dr Goebbels and General Hans Krebs had all committed suicide in the bunker.²³ Although the Soviets were duly sceptical—Moscow state radio suggested that it was "another Fascist trick" designed to facilitate Hitler's escape—the suicide story was at once taken up by the western press.²⁴

Intriguingly, there is evidence that the public was preconditioned to accept the suicide theory. As early as 31 March 1945, the *Globe and Mail* published a Canadian Press report headlined "Expect Hitler To Be Suicide". Dated "Emmerich, March 30", the piece stated that a rumour was current among German troops to the effect that Hitler would commit suicide. In any event, the suicide story was an immense boon to Anglo-American propaganda, since Hitler's resort to suicide could be used to convey a message about the nature of Nazism itself:

"When the American journalist William L. Shirer, who had been living as a correspondent in Berlin until 1941, learned of Hitler's death by suicide in the bunker of the Reich Chancellery on 30 April 1945, he declared: 'In fact, I have always been certain myself that that was what he wanted to do in the end,' thereby seeing the Third Reich as an ultimately suicidal regime."²⁵

The suicide theory was also a weapon of psychological warfare on the German population. To understand the propaganda impact of the Hitler suicide legend on the German mind, it is important to understand that, for many if not most Germans, the idea that Hitler had taken his own life was deeply repugnant as it contradicted everything they believed he had stood for. When General Krebs gave him the news, General Helmuth Weidling recalled thinking: "So we have been fighting for five-and-a-half years for someone who committed suicide. Having drawn us into this terrible disaster, he himself chose the easy way out and left us to fend for ourselves."²⁶

At the other end of the military hierarchy, sixteen-year-old Dieter Borkowski, who had been among the Hitler Youth recruits fighting to defend Berlin to the last, felt drained of the desire to live. "These words make me feel sick, as if I have to vomit," he wrote. "I think that my life has no sense any more. What was this battle for, what were the deaths of so many people for? Life has apparently become worthless, for if Hitler has shot himself, the Russians will have finally won... Has the Fuehrer not betrayed his own *Volk* then after all?"²⁷

The suicide legend was therefore used to discredit Hitler in the eyes of his own followers and stifle their urge to resist foreign occupation.

There was so much haste to assign to Hitler what was thought to be a fitting end that few people stopped to ask such obvious questions as how Dr Fritzsche knew that Hitler had committed suicide, whether the Soviets could have pressured him into saying this, or whether the suicide story could have been a cover story for Hitler's escape. Given Dr Fritzsche's status as the most important man in the *Propagandaministerium* after Dr Goebbels, it is self-evident that nothing he told the Soviets immediately after the regime collapsed can be regarded as free of the possibility of propagandistic deception. Yet in London and Washington, where throughout the war the view had been taken that the Nazis were unconscionable liars, there was a dramatic shift away from scepticism. The idea that Hitler had committed suicide was so appealing that any Nazi

who claimed to know that Hitler had committed suicide never risked having his or her veracity impugned. Clearly, all Nazis were liars—except those who told the Allies what they wanted to hear.

Operation Trevor-Roper

The fact that Hitler's corpse had apparently not been found in Berlin caused considerable consternation in the Western press. A *Toronto Daily Star* editorial commented anxiously on 18 July:

"It is becoming apparent that indisputable proof of Hitler's death either during the past ten weeks or at some early future date, if he should still be alive, is highly desirable for psychological as well as for practical reasons. *Unless his demise is beyond argument...the world is in for a potentially dangerous Hitler legend*. This might become a psychological weapon in the efforts of German leaders eventually to restore the self-confidence and revive the truculence of this people who for so long have been

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intolerable disturbers of international peace."²⁸ (My italics)

Indeed, the very title of the editorial, "To Destroy Hitler, Whether Man or Myth", implies that it was considered as important to destroy Hitler "the myth" as Hitler "the man".

By mid-1945, the public was being asked to choose between a proliferating number of escape stories and the suicide theory. Given that the escape stories were outlandish if not often patently ridiculous, the public was given the impression that only the suicide theory had any evidence to support it and deserved to be taken seriously.

The British response to the burgeoning Hitler escape stories was not long in coming. In September 1945, Brigadier Dick White, commander of the Intelligence Bureau in the British Zone of Occupation, commissioned Major Hugh Trevor-Roper, a young Oxford-trained historian who, since 1943, had supervised the work of the Secret Intelligence Service's Radio Intelligence Section (RIS), to investigate, at least ostensibly, the circumstances of Hitler's alleged death. This was the opening phase of the British establishment's fabrication of a narrative of the last days of the Third Reich that made short work of Hitler "the myth".

Given that his only previous publication was a biography of a 17th-century English archbishop, William Laud, and that he neither read nor spoke German, Trevor-Roper was a curious choice for such a task. What's more, as the world saw in the 1980s, he authenticated the spurious "Hitler Diaries", even though the task of determining the authenticity of a single document would have been much simpler than that of establishing the truth about Hitler's demise.

During the last three months of 1945, according to the official story, Trevor-Roper and a team of intelligence agents travelled through Germany, tracking down and interrogating bunker survivors. However, this procedure did not bear a great deal of fruit, probably because most survivors were interned in Soviet prisons and concentration camps. In addition to uncovering the alleged diary of Hitler's valet Heinz Linge, Trevor-Roper achieved only one coup: scoring interviews with Gerda Christian, who had been one of Hitler's secretaries, and Else Krueger, who had been Bormann's secretary.

Surprisingly, Trevor-Roper seems not to have interviewed any witnesses who had fallen into American hands, which means the better part of those to be found outside Soviet prisons. It appears that instead of allowing him to meet with them, American intelligence operatives interviewed them and passed copies of their reports to him. In one particularly flagrant case, the Americans furnished Trevor-Roper with partly fabricated testimony; in another, they supplied information that had been obtained in such unusual conditions that it, too, must be considered suspect.

The first case was that of the famous German aviatrix Hanna Reitsch. In an interview with Ron Laytner that she authorised for publication only after her death, Reitsch stated explicitly that at least part of the account attributed to her in *The Last Days of Hitler* had been fabricated:

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"When I was released by the Americans I read historian Trevor-Roper's book, 'The Last Days of Hitler'. Throughout the book like a red line, runs an eyewitness report by Hanna Reitsch about the final days in the bunker. I never said it. I never wrote it. I never signed it. It was something they invented. Hitler died with total dignity."²⁹

This report, dated 8 October 1945, was written by Reitsch's interrogator, Captain Robert E. Work (Air Division, Headquarters, United States Forces in Austria, Air Interrogation Unit), and published for the first time in, of all places, *Public Opinion Quarterly* in 1946–47.³⁰

The second case was that of nurse Erna Flegel. On 23 November 1945, several American intelligence agents took Flegel out for a six-course dinner, the result of which was a five-page statement in English which is presented as a summary of the information she allegedly imparted during her "interrogation". However, Flegel neither wrote the statement herself nor signed it.³¹ In fact, no one can be said to vouch for this document

because, despite its having been declassified, the names of the persons responsible for it, including the name of the agency for which they worked, remain blacked out.

If this approach was typical, then Trevor-Roper's chief sources were summaries of information that had already been predigested for him by American intelligence operatives—involving what distortions and attempts at ironing out inconsistencies we will probably never know. Given that there were few bunker survivors in British hands and that Trevor-Roper had no access to bunker survivors in Soviet hands, his task basically appears to have been that of creating

a coherent narrative out of information that he was being spoonfed and that he had no means of assessing himself. There is no reason to believe that any of the evidence that reached Trevor-Roper did so with the active consent of the witnesses. My impression is that in 1945, captured Nazis were little more than the puppets of their Allied captors; they could be made to say anything their captors wanted them to say, and if they objected there was nothing they could do about it anyway.

Strikingly, Trevor-Roper made his "conclusions" public less than two months after he'd begun investigating the case. At a press conference on 1 November 1945, Trevor-Roper (who remained anonymous at this stage and was referred to in print merely as "a young British intelligence officer") presented reporters with a statement that consisted of little more than a narrative of the last week or so of Hitler's life. It described how Hitler had committed suicide, probably by shooting himself in the mouth.³² Although Trevor-Roper told the reporters that so far he had spoken to about 20 witnesses, *the statement did not name even one of them*. Nonetheless, reporters probably left the conference under the erroneous impression that the version of Hitler's last days that he had provided was backed up by the testimony of multiple witnesses. Yet he had not found a single new eyewitness to the critical events—Hitler's suicide and cremation; all he had done was take Kempka's testimony as gospel truth and discount Karnau's.

The final section of the Trevor-Roper statement rejected

theories that Hitler could have escaped Berlin. In this section, it becomes glaringly obvious that his investigation had been designed to lead to predetermined conclusions. Here we learn, first of all, that Trevor-Roper assumed that Hitler's fate had been entirely determined by last-minute contingencies. According to this line of reasoning, Hitler could not have escaped the Chancellery because this or that avenue of escape had been rendered impossible (or at least difficult, which for Trevor-Roper appeared to mean the very same thing). Trevor-Roper circumscribed Hitler's exit possibilities by means of generalisations that are all extremely questionable. He wrote, for example, that it would have been impossible for Hitler to have been flown out of Berlin because his "two pilots" remained in the bunker and "took part in the attempted escape on the night of 1 May".³³ This is all very well, so long as you presuppose that Hitler would never have permitted anyone else to fly him out of Berlin or that one of the pilots could not have left the bunker and returned to it afterwards.

Trevor-Roper confined his discussion of Hitler's escape possibilities to planes and cars. However, in January 1946, General Helmuth Weidling, who was interned in a Soviet prison camp, furnished a long statement for the Soviets in which he conceded that he had grown sceptical about the suicide theory. He had meditated on the problem of Hitler's escape possibilities and concluded:

"On the night of 29/30 April there were still opportunities to leave—through the Zoo underground station in western Berlin and through the Friedrichstrasse station in the north. One could have escaped relatively safely through the underground tunnels."³⁴

Can we really believe that this possibility never occurred to Trevor-Roper? Since it's unlikely that he did not know that Berlin possessed an extensive underground railway system, it seems that the only escape possibilities Trevor-Roper was interested in talking about were those he could exclude.

Perhaps Trevor-Roper's most conspicuous flaw was his haste to discount the possibility that the eyewitnesses could have put their heads together to work up a coherent story to cover up for Hitler's escape. In his report, he commented:

"It is considered quite impossible that the versions of the various eye-witnesses can represent a concerted cover story; they were all too busy planning their own safety to have been able or disposed to learn an elaborate charade, which they could still maintain after five months of isolation from each other, and under detailed and persistent cross-examination."³⁵

This argument makes about as much sense as the claim that there can be no such thing as an orchestra because there is no way that a large number of people could ever perform a complex piece of music such as a symphony at the same time. In any case, the "charade" was hardly that "elaborate". As we saw in part one, there are many significant differences between the recollections of the various eyewitnesses. The SS orchestra was playing the same tune, to be sure, but not always in the same key.

Kempka unravelled

Operation Trevor-Roper is best seen, therefore, not as a bona fide investigation of Hitler's fate but as the major stage in the

British plan to enshrine anti-Nazi propaganda as historical fact. As we saw in part one, the first eyewitnesses to go public were Hitler's chauffeur Erich Kempka and RSD bodyguard Hermann Karnau. After Kempka's veracity was called into question by Karnau's claims, Karnau's story virtually disappeared and Kempka's story was extolled as the more authoritative. Indeed, Kempka's evidence not only became the basis for Trevor-Roper's book but Kempka was also endorsed at Nuremberg as the sole source of reliable information concerning Hitler's demise.

The primary reason Kempka's story won such a positive reception from the Anglo-American authorities was that Kempka was the sole source of evidence that appeared to support the suicide theory (Karnau simply referred to the cremation he had witnessed). Kempka also contradicted Soviet claims that Hitler could have escaped. In his 4 July 1945 interview record, he declared:

"[With a] statement reported to have been made by the Russian Marshall Chukov [*sic*] that Hitler and Eva Braun could have escaped from the Berlin area by air, I can't agree. On 4/30/45 and two or three days previous, no one could possibly have left the inner parts of Berlin by air. There was a heavy artillery fire on all the inner parts of Berlin during those days. Neither did I hear about a plane arriving or leaving after the 25th or 26th of April 1945."³⁶

Unfortunately for Kempka, one of the best-attested events of the last days of the Third Reich is that of a flight piloted by General Robert Ritter von Greim and Hanna Reitsch that arrived in Berlin on the morning of 26 April. The same pair took off from Berlin in the early hours of 29 April. Reitsch herself not only spoke about the two flights on numerous occasions between

1945 and her death in 1979 but also devoted a chapter to them in her autobiography *Flying Is My Life*.³⁷ Given that the evidence from other sources is abundant enough to establish that they actually took place, there is something extremely suspicious about Kempka's assertion that no such flights would have been possible.

There is no reason to jump to the conclusion, however tempting, that Kempka must have lied about being in the Chancellery during the regime's final days. He could have been temporarily absent from the bunker on a mission. If so, he had returned by the afternoon of 30 April. As we saw in part one, several eyewitnesses have provided evidence establishing Kempka's presence at a cremation held in the Chancellery garden at around 3.00 pm that afternoon. SS-*Hauptsturmfuehrer* Karl Schneider acknowledged speaking to Kempka at the Chancellery garage on the evening of 1 May. He told the Soviets on 19 May 1945 that on this occasion Kempka had told him that Hitler was "allegedly dead".³⁸

The explanation that best accounts for events, therefore, is that Kempka sought to suppress his knowledge of the two flights. When Kempka first gave his story to the Americans in June 1945, he had no reason to believe that they knew anything at all about them. There is a very good reason why Kempka would not have wanted to mention these flights: the cover story—that Greim flew to Berlin to receive instructions from Hitler, who had just made him the new head of the *Luftwaffe*—is preposterous. Why would Hitler, who was anxious for everyone else to leave Berlin, want someone to come to him? Why would he have been so keen to talk to the head of an almost nonexistent entity? The official story fails to justify Greim

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and Reitsch's extremely dangerous flight. It also does not explain why the pair's flight from the *Luftwaffe* air base at Rechlin near Berlin to Gatow airport on Berlin's periphery was accompanied by an escort of 30–40 fighter jets—in other words, the extant *Luftwaffe* virtually in its entirety. Clearly, the flight had a more serious purpose than we have been led to believe. One writer believes that Greim and Reitsch ferried Martin Bormann out of Berlin.³⁹

However, in a striking passage in his memoirs, former *Volkssturm* member Dieter H. B. Protsch relates an incident that took place in Berlin on 29 April 1945. That day, which happened to be his thirteenth birthday, in the course of searching for food for his family he stumbled upon a basement occupied by several *Waffen-SS* men operating radio equipment who gave him bread and chocolate:

"After some small talk about the family, they suddenly stopped talking when the radio operator raised his hand to demand quiet. The 'Funker' (Radio Operator), wearing a head set, started smiling and stated that 'der Fuehrer' got his belated birthday present. He explained further that he [Hitler] made it safely out of Berlin, flown out by his personal pilot Hanna Reitsch, Germany's best female test pilot. The report stated that she was flying a small one engine, two or three seater plane, a so-called 'Fiseler [*sic*] Storch'."⁴⁰

Thus the truth seems to be that, exactly as the Soviets subsequently alleged, Hitler did indeed make it out of Berlin—more or less around the time that the official story tells us that he was still in the bunker dictating his Political Testament—and that Erich Kempka knew precisely when and how this had taken place, but withheld the information from the Americans.

According to Reitsch, the flight reached Rechlin at about 3.00 am. Here, she states, Greim attended a conference. Then she and Greim flew—apparently using a different aircraft—to Ploen, a distance of some 400 miles. Their next destinations were Dobbin, where Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel was,⁴¹ Luebeck, Ploen again ("to see Doenitz"), and finally Koeniggratz (in Bohemia, now Hradec Králové in the Czech Republic).⁴² If we assume, as I think we should, that Hitler was present during at least the first of these several stages, we can say that at Rechlin the trail goes cold.

If Hitler left Berlin with Greim and Reitsch, then that would account for the series of bizarre events—the marriage to Eva Braun, the writing of the Political Testament, the recurring rages—that have been enshrined in official history as "the last days of the Third Reich". Obviously, Hitler's last days in the bunker needed to be accounted for, and so a lurid series of episodes had to be invented to fill in the yawning gap.

This three-part series has not tried to resolve the many questions raised by these bizarre episodes for the obvious reason that they all depend on an underlying assumption—that Hitler committed suicide in the bunker—which we feel we have shown to be nothing but a propagandist fiction.

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"FRIENDLY FEUDALISM" AND THE FREE TIBET MYTH

Far from being an enlightened Shangri-La, the old Tibet was a feudal theocracy where ordinary Tibetans were treated cruelly by lamas and landlords and were forced to accept their misery as karmic atonement for their wicked ways in previous lives.

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I. For Lords and Lamas

Along with the blood-drenched landscape of religious conflict there is the experience of inner peace and solace that every religion promises, none more so than Buddhism. Standing in marked contrast to the intolerant savagery of other religions, Buddhism is neither fanatical nor dogmatic—so say its adherents. For many of them, Buddhism is less a theology and more a meditative and investigative discipline intended to promote an inner harmony and enlightenment while directing us to a path of right living. Generally, the spiritual focus is not only on oneself but on the welfare of others. One tries to put aside egoistic pursuits and gain a deeper understanding of one's connection to all people and things. "Socially engaged Buddhism" tries to blend individual liberation with responsible social action in order to build an enlightened society.

A glance at history, however, reveals that not all the many and widely varying forms of Buddhism have been free from doctrinal fanaticism or from the violent and exploitative pursuits so characteristic of other religions. In Sri Lanka there is a legendary and almost sacred recorded history of the triumphant battles waged by Buddhist kings of yore. During the 20th century, Buddhists clashed violently with each other and with non-Buddhists in Thailand, Burma, Korea, Japan, India and elsewhere. In Sri Lanka, armed battles between Buddhist Sinhalese and Hindu Tamils have taken many lives on both sides. In 1998, the US State Department listed 30 of the world's most violent and dangerous extremist groups; over half of them were religious, specifically Muslim, Jewish and Buddhist.¹

In South Korea in 1998, thousands of monks of the Chogye Buddhist order fought each other with fists, rocks, fire-bombs and clubs in pitched battles that went on for weeks. They were vying for control of the order, the largest in South Korea, with its annual budget of US\$9.2 million, its millions of dollars worth of property and the privilege of appointing 1,700 monks to various offices. The brawls damaged the main Buddhist sanctuaries and left dozens of monks injured, some seriously. The Korean public appeared to disdain both factions, feeling that no matter what side took control "it would use worshippers' donations for luxurious houses and expensive cars".²

As with any religion, squabbles between or within Buddhist sects are often fuelled by the material corruption and personal deficiencies of the leadership. For example, in Nagano, Japan, at Zenkoji, the prestigious complex of temples that has hosted Buddhist sects for more than 1,400 years, "a nasty battle" arose between the chief priest Komatsu and the Tacchu, a group of temples nominally under the chief priest's sway. The Tacchu monks accused Komatsu of selling writings and drawings under the temple's name for his own gain. They also were appalled by the frequency with which he was seen in the company of women. Komatsu in turn sought to isolate and punish monks who were critical of his leadership. The conflict lasted some five years and made it into the courts.³

But what of Tibetan Buddhism? Is it not an exception to this sort of strife? And what of the society it helped to create? Many Buddhists maintain that, before the Chinese crackdown in 1959, old Tibet was a spiritually oriented kingdom free from the egotistical lifestyles, empty materialism and corrupting vices that beset modern industrialised society.

Western news media, travel books, novels and Hollywood films have portrayed the Tibetan theocracy as a veritable Shangri-La. The Dalai Lama himself stated that "the pervasive influence of Buddhism" in Tibet "amid the wide open spaces of an unspoiled

environment resulted in a society dedicated to peace and harmony". "We enjoyed freedom and contentment," he said.⁴

A reading of Tibet's history suggests a somewhat different picture. "Religious conflict was commonplace in old Tibet," writes one western Buddhist practitioner. "History belies the Shangri-La image of Tibetan lamas and their followers living together in mutual tolerance and nonviolent goodwill. Indeed, the situation was quite different. Old Tibet was much more like Europe during the religious wars of the Counterreformation."⁵

In the 13th century, Emperor Kublai Khan created the first Grand Lama, who was to preside over all the other lamas as might a pope over his bishops. Several centuries later, the Emperor of China sent an army into Tibet to support the Grand Lama, an ambitious 25-year-old man, who then gave himself the title of Dalai ("Ocean") Lama, ruler of all Tibet. Here is an historical irony: the first Dalai Lama was installed by a Chinese army! His two previous lama "incarnations" were then retroactively recognised as his predecessors, thereby transforming the first Dalai Lama into the third Dalai Lama.

This first (or third) Dalai Lama seized monasteries that did not belong to his sect, and is believed to have destroyed Buddhist writings that conflicted with his claim to divinity. The Dalai Lama who succeeded him pursued a sybaritic life, enjoying many mistresses, partying with friends and acting in other ways deemed unfitting for an incarnate deity. For these transgressions he was murdered by his priests. Within 170 years, despite their recognised divine status, five Dalai Lamas were killed by their high priests or other courtiers.⁶

For hundreds of years, competing Tibetan Buddhist sects engaged in bitterly violent clashes and summary

executions. In 1660, the fifth Dalai Lama was faced with a rebellion in Tsang province, the stronghold of the rival Kagyu sect with its high lama known as the Karmapa. The Dalai Lama called for harsh retribution against the rebels, directing the Mongol army to obliterate the male and female lines and the offspring, too: "...like eggs smashed against rocks... In short, annihilate any traces of them, even their names."⁷

In 1792, many Kagyu monasteries were confiscated and their monks were forcibly converted to the Gelug sect (the Dalai Lama's denomination). The Gelug school, known also as the "Yellow Hats", showed little tolerance or willingness to mix their teachings with those of other Buddhist sects. In the words of one of their traditional prayers:

*Praise to you, violent god of the Yellow Hat teachings
who reduces to particles of dust
great beings, high officials and ordinary people
who pollute and corrupt the Gelug doctrine.*⁸

An 18th-century memoir of a Tibetan general depicts sectarian strife among Buddhists that was as brutal and bloody as any religious conflict might be.⁹ This grim history remains largely unvisited by present-day followers of Tibetan Buddhism in the West.

Religions have had a close relationship not only with violence but with economic exploitation. Indeed, it is often the economic exploitation that necessitates the violence. Such was the case with the Tibetan theocracy. Until 1959, when the Dalai Lama last

presided over Tibet, most of the arable land was still organised into manorial estates worked by serfs. These estates were owned by two social groups: the rich secular landlords and the rich theocratic lamas. Even a writer sympathetic to the old order allows that "a great deal of real estate belonged to the monasteries, and most of them amassed great riches". Much of the wealth was accumulated "through active participation in trade, commerce, and money lending".¹⁰

Drepung monastery was one of the biggest landowners in the world, with its 185 manors, 25,000 serfs, 300 great pastures and 16,000 herdsmen. The wealth of the monasteries rested in the hands of small numbers of high-ranking lamas. Most ordinary monks lived modestly and had no direct access to great wealth. The Dalai Lama himself "lived richly" in the 1,000-room, 14-storey Potala Palace.¹¹

Secular leaders also did well. A notable example was the commander-in-chief of the Tibetan army, a member of the Dalai Lama's lay cabinet, who owned 4,000 square kilometres of land and 3,500 serfs.¹²

Old Tibet has been misrepresented by some western admirers as

"a nation that required no police force because its people voluntarily observed the laws of karma".¹³ In fact, it had a professional army, albeit a small one, that served mainly as a gendarmerie for the landlords to keep order, protect their property and hunt down runaway serfs.

Young Tibetan boys were regularly taken from their peasant families and brought into the monasteries to be trained as monks. Once there, they were bonded for life. Tashi Tsering, a monk, reports that it was common for peasant children to be sexually mistreated in the monasteries. He himself was a

victim of repeated rape, beginning at age nine.¹⁴ The monastic estates also conscripted children for lifelong servitude as domestics, dance performers and soldiers.

In old Tibet there were small numbers of farmers who subsisted as a kind of free peasantry, and perhaps an additional 10,000 people who composed the "middle-class" families of merchants, shopkeepers and small traders. Thousands of others were beggars. There were also slaves, usually domestic servants, who owned nothing; their offspring were born into slavery.¹⁵ The majority of the rural population were serfs. Treated little better than slaves, the serfs went without schooling or medical care. They were under a lifetime bond to work the lord's land—the monastery's land—without pay, to repair the lord's houses, transport his crops and collect his firewood. They were also expected to provide carrying animals and transportation on demand.¹⁶ Their masters told them what crops to grow and what animals to raise. They could not get married without the consent of their lord or lama. And they might easily be separated from their families should their owners lease them out to work in a distant location.¹⁷

As in a free labour system and unlike slavery, the overlords had no responsibility for the serf's maintenance and no direct interest in his or her survival as an expensive piece of property. The serfs had to support themselves. Yet as in a slave system, they were bound to their masters, thus guaranteeing a fixed and permanent workforce that could neither organise nor strike and could not

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freely depart as might labourers in a market context. The overlords had the best of both worlds.

One 22-year-old woman, herself a runaway serf, reported: "Pretty serf girls were usually taken by the owner as house servants and used as he wished"; they "were just slaves without rights".¹⁸ Serfs needed permission to go anywhere. Landowners had legal authority to capture those who tried to flee. One 24-year-old runaway welcomed the Chinese intervention as a "liberation". He testified that under serfdom he was subjected to incessant toil, hunger and cold. After his third failed escape, he was mercilessly beaten by the landlord's men until blood poured from his nose and mouth. They then poured alcohol and caustic soda on his wounds to increase the pain, he claimed.¹⁹

The serfs were taxed upon getting married, taxed for the birth of each child and taxed for every death in the family. They were taxed for planting a tree in their yard and for keeping animals. They were taxed for religious festivals and for public dancing and drumming, for being sent to prison and upon being released. Those who could not find work were taxed for being unemployed; and if they travelled to another village in search of work, they paid a passage tax. When people could not pay, the monasteries lent them money at 20 to 50 per cent interest. Some debts were handed down from father to son to grandson. Debtors who could not meet their obligations risked being cast into slavery.²⁰

The theocracy's religious teachings buttressed its class order. The poor and afflicted were taught that they had brought their troubles upon themselves because of their wicked ways in previous lives. Hence they had to accept the misery of their present existence as a karmic atonement and in anticipation that their lot would improve in their next lifetime. The rich and powerful treated their good fortune as a reward for, and tangible evidence of, virtue in past and present lives.

The Tibetan serfs were something more than superstitious victims, blind to their own oppression. As we have seen, some ran away; others openly resisted, sometimes suffering dire consequences. In feudal Tibet, torture and mutilation—including eye gouging, the pulling out of tongues, hamstringing and amputation—were favoured punishments inflicted upon thieves and runaway or resistant serfs.

Journeying through Tibet in the 1960s, Stuart and Roma Gelder interviewed a former serf, Tsereh Wang Tuei, who had stolen two sheep belonging to a monastery. For this he had both his eyes gouged out and his hand mutilated beyond use. He explains that he no longer is a Buddhist: "When a holy lama told them to blind me I thought there was no good in religion."²¹ Since it was against Buddhist teachings to take human life, some offenders were severely lashed and then "left to God" in the freezing night to die. "The parallels between Tibet and medieval Europe are striking," concludes Tom Grunfeld in his book on Tibet.²²

In 1959, Anna Louise Strong visited an exhibition of torture equipment that had been used by the Tibetan overlords. There were handcuffs of all sizes, including small ones for children, and

instruments for cutting off noses and ears, gouging out eyes, breaking off hands and hamstringing legs. There were hot brands, whips and special implements for disembowelling. The exhibition presented photographs and testimonies of victims who had been blinded or crippled or suffered amputations for thievery. There was the shepherd whose master owed him a reimbursement in yuan and wheat but refused to pay, so he took one of the master's cows; for this, he had his hands severed. Another herdsman, who opposed having his wife taken from him by his lord, had his hands broken off. There were pictures of Communist activists with noses and upper lips cut off, and a woman who was raped and then had her nose sliced away.²³

Earlier visitors to Tibet commented on the theocratic despotism. In 1895, an Englishman, Dr A. L. Waddell, wrote that the populace was under the "intolerable tyranny of monks" and the devil superstitions they had fashioned to terrorise the people. In

1904, Percival Landon described the Dalai Lama's rule as "an engine of oppression". At about that time, another English traveller, Captain W. F. T. O'Connor, observed that "the great landowners and the priests...exercise each in their own dominion a despotic power from which there is no appeal", while the people are "oppressed by the most monstrous growth of monasticism and priest-craft". Tibetan rulers "invented degrading legends and stimulated a spirit of superstition" among the common people. In 1937, another visitor, Spencer Chapman, wrote: "The Lamaist monk does not spend his time in ministering to the people or educating them... The beggar beside the road is nothing to the monk. Knowledge is the jealously guarded prerogative of the monasteries and is used to increase their influence and wealth."²⁴

As much as we might wish otherwise, feudal theocratic Tibet was a far cry from the romanticised Shangri-La so enthusiastically nurtured by Buddhism's western proselytes.

II. Secularisation vs Spirituality

What happened to Tibet after the Chinese Communists moved into the

country in 1951? The treaty of that year provided for ostensible self-governance under the Dalai Lama's rule but gave China military control and exclusive rights to conduct foreign relations. The Chinese were also granted a direct role in internal administration "to promote social reforms". Among the earliest changes they wrought were to reduce usurious interest rates and build a few hospitals and roads. At first they moved slowly, relying mostly on persuasion in an attempt to effect reconstruction. No aristocratic or monastic property was confiscated, and feudal lords continued to reign over their hereditarily bound peasants. "Contrary to popular belief in the West," claims one observer, the Chinese "took care to show respect for Tibetan culture and religion."²⁵

Over the centuries, the Tibetan lords and lamas had seen the Chinese come and go. They had also enjoyed good relations with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his reactionary Kuomintang rule in China.²⁶ The approval of the Kuomintang government was

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needed to validate the choice of the Dalai Lama and the Panchen Lama. When the current 14th Dalai Lama was installed in Lhasa, it was with an armed escort of Chinese troops and an attending Chinese minister in accordance with centuries-old tradition.

What upset the Tibetan lords and lamas in the early 1950s was that these latest Chinese were communists. It would be only a matter of time, they feared, before the communists started imposing their collectivist egalitarian schemes upon Tibet.

In 1956–57, armed Tibetan bands ambushed convoys of the Chinese People's Liberation Army. The uprising received extensive assistance from the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), including military training, support camps in Nepal and numerous airlifts.²⁷ Meanwhile in the USA, the American Society for a Free Asia, a CIA-financed front, energetically publicised the cause of Tibetan resistance, with the Dalai Lama's eldest brother, Thubtan Norbu, playing an active role in that organisation. The Dalai Lama's second-eldest brother, Gyalo Thondup, established an intelligence operation with the CIA as early as 1951. He later upgraded it into a CIA-trained guerrilla unit whose recruits parachuted back into Tibet.²⁸

Many Tibetan commandos and agents whom the CIA dropped into the country were chiefs of aristocratic clans or the sons of chiefs. Ninety per cent of them were never heard from again, according to a report from the CIA itself, meaning that they were most likely captured and killed.²⁹ "Many lamas and lay members of the elite and much of the Tibetan army joined the uprising, but in the main the populace did not, assuring its failure," wrote Hugh Deane.³⁰ In their book on Tibet, George Ginsburg and Michael Mathos reached a similar conclusion: "As far as can be ascertained, the great bulk of the common people of Lhasa and of the adjoining countryside failed to join in the fighting against the Chinese both when it first began and as it progressed."³¹ Eventually the resistance crumbled.

Whatever wrongs and new oppressions the Chinese introduced after 1959, they did abolish slavery and the Tibetan serfdom system of unpaid labour. They eliminated the many crushing taxes, started work projects and greatly reduced unemployment and beggary. They established secular schools, thereby breaking the educational monopoly of the monasteries. And they constructed running water and electrical systems in Lhasa.³²

Heinrich Harrer (later revealed to have been a sergeant in Hitler's SS) wrote a bestseller about his experiences in Tibet that was made into a popular Hollywood movie. He reported that the Tibetans who resisted the Chinese "...were predominantly nobles, semi-nobles and lamas; they were punished by being made to perform the lowliest tasks, such as laboring on roads and bridges. They were further humiliated by being made to clean up the city before the tourists arrived." They also had to live in a camp originally reserved for beggars and vagrants—all of which Harrer treated as sure evidence of the dreadful nature of the Chinese occupation.³³

By 1961, the Chinese occupation authorities had expropriated

the landed estates owned by lords and lamas. They distributed many thousands of acres to tenant farmers and landless peasants, reorganising them into hundreds of communes. Herds once owned by the nobility were turned over to collectives of poor shepherds. Improvements were made in the breeding of livestock, and new varieties of vegetables and new strains of wheat and barley were introduced along with irrigation improvements, all of which reportedly led to an increase in agrarian production.³⁴

Many peasants remained as religious as ever, giving alms to the clergy, but monks who had been conscripted as children into the religious orders were now free to renounce the monastic life—and thousands did, especially the younger ones. The remaining clergy lived on modest government stipends and extra income earned by officiating at prayer services, weddings and funerals.³⁵

Both the Dalai Lama and his adviser and youngest brother, Tendzin Choegyal, claimed that "more than 1.2 million Tibetans are dead as a result of the Chinese occupation".³⁶ The official 1953 census—six years before the Chinese crackdown—recorded the entire population residing in Tibet at 1,274,000.³⁷ Other census counts put the population within Tibet at about two million. If the Chinese killed 1.2 million in the early 1960s, then almost all of Tibet would have been depopulated, transformed into a killing field dotted with death camps and mass graves—of which we have no evidence. The thinly distributed Chinese

force in Tibet could not have rounded up, hunted down and exterminated *that* many people, even if it had spent all its time doing nothing else.

Chinese authorities claim to have put an end to floggings, mutilations and amputations as forms of criminal punishment. They themselves, however, have been charged with acts of brutality by Tibetans in exile. The authorities do admit to "mistakes", particularly during the 1966–76 Cultural Revolution when the persecution of religious beliefs reached a high tide in both China and Tibet.

After the uprising in the late 1950s, thousands of Tibetans were incarcerated. During the Great Leap Forward, forced collectivisation and grain farming were imposed on the Tibetan peasantry, sometimes with disastrous effect on production. In the late 1970s, China began relaxing controls and "tried to alleviate poverty in an attempt to undo some of the damage wrought during the previous two decades".³⁸

In 1980, the Chinese government initiated reforms reportedly designed to grant Tibet a greater degree of self-rule and self-administration. Tibetans would now be allowed to cultivate private plots, sell their harvest surpluses, decide for themselves what crops to grow, and keep yaks and sheep. Communication with the outside world was again permitted and frontier controls were eased to permit some Tibetans to visit exiled relatives in India and Nepal.³⁹ By the 1980s, many of the principal lamas had begun to shuttle back and forth between China and the exile communities abroad, "restoring their monasteries in Tibet and helping to revitalize Buddhism there".⁴⁰

As of 2007, Tibetan Buddhism was still practised widely and

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and new oppressions
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Tibetan serfdom system
of unpaid labour.
They eliminated the
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started work projects
and greatly reduced
unemployment
and beggary.**

tolerated by officialdom. Religious pilgrimages and other standard forms of worship were allowed, but within limits. All monks and nuns had to sign a loyalty pledge that they would not use their religious position to foment secession or dissent. And displaying photos of the Dalai Lama was declared illegal.⁴¹

In the 1990s, the Han, the ethnic group comprising over 95 per cent of China's immense population, began moving in substantial numbers into Tibet. On the streets of Lhasa and Shigatse, signs of Han colonisation are readily visible. Chinese run the factories and many of the shops and vending stalls. Tall office buildings and large shopping centres have been built with funds that might have been better spent on water treatment plants and housing. Chinese cadres in Tibet too often view their Tibetan neighbours as backward and lazy, in need of economic development and "patriotic education". During the 1990s, Tibetan government employees suspected of harbouring nationalist sympathies were purged from office, and campaigns were once again launched to discredit the Dalai Lama. Individual Tibetans reportedly were subjected to arrest, imprisonment and forced labour for carrying out separatist activities and engaging in "political subversion". Some were held in administrative detention without adequate food, water and blankets, and were subjected to threats, beatings and other mistreatment.⁴²

Tibetan history, culture and certainly religion are slighted in schools. Teaching materials, though translated into Tibetan, focus mainly on Chinese history and culture. Chinese family planning regulations allow a three-child limit for Tibetan families. (There is only a one-child limit for Han families throughout China, and a two-child limit for rural Han families whose first child is a girl.) If a Tibetan couple goes over the three-child limit, the excess children

can be denied subsidised daycare, healthcare, housing and education. These penalties have been enforced irregularly and vary by district.⁴³ None of these child services, it should be noted, was available to Tibetans before the Chinese takeover.

For the rich lamas and secular lords, the Communist intervention was an unmitigated calamity. Most of them fled abroad, as did the Dalai Lama himself, who was assisted in his flight by the CIA. Some discovered to their horror that they would have to work for a living. Many, however, escaped that fate. Throughout the 1960s, the Tibetan exile community was secretly pocketing US\$1.7 million a year from the CIA, according to documents released in 1998 by the US State Department. Once this fact was publicised, the Dalai Lama's organisation itself issued a statement admitting that it had received millions of dollars from the CIA during the 1960s to send armed squads of exiles into Tibet to undermine the Maoist revolution. The Dalai Lama's annual payment from the CIA was \$186,000. Indian intelligence also financed both him and other Tibetan exiles. He has refused to say whether he or his brothers worked for the CIA. The agency has also declined to comment.⁴⁴

In 1995, the *News & Observer* of Raleigh, North Carolina, carried a front-page colour photograph of the Dalai Lama being embraced by the reactionary Republican senator Jesse Helms, under the headline "Buddhist Captivates Hero of Religious Right".⁴⁵ In April 1999, along with Margaret Thatcher, Pope John Paul II and the first George Bush, the Dalai Lama called upon the British

government to release Augusto Pinochet, the former Fascist dictator of Chile and a long-time CIA client who was visiting England. The Dalai Lama urged that Pinochet not be forced to go to Spain where he was wanted to stand trial for crimes against humanity.

Into the 21st century, via the National Endowment for Democracy and other conduits that are more respectable-sounding than the CIA, the US Congress continued to allocate \$2 million annually to Tibetans in India, with additional millions for "democracy activities" within the Tibetan exile community. In addition to these funds, the Dalai Lama received money from financier George Soros.⁴⁶

Whatever the 14th Dalai Lama's associations with the CIA and various reactionaries, he has often spoken of peace, love and nonviolence. He himself really cannot be blamed for the abuses of Tibet's *ancien régime*, having been but 25 years old when he fled into exile. In a 1994 interview, he went on the record as favouring the building of schools and roads in his country. He said the *corvée* (forced unpaid serf labour) and certain taxes imposed on the peasants were "extremely bad". And he disliked the way people were saddled with old debts, sometimes passed down from generation to generation.⁴⁷ During the half-century of

living in the western world, he embraced concepts such as human rights and religious freedom, ideas largely unknown in old Tibet. He even proposed democracy for Tibet, featuring a written constitution and a representative assembly.⁴⁸

In 1996, the Dalai Lama issued a statement that must have had an unsettling effect on the exile community. It read in part: "Marxism is founded on moral principles, while capitalism is concerned only with gain and profitability." Marxism fosters "the equitable utilisation of the means of

production" and cares about "the fate of the working classes" and "the victims of...exploitation". He stated: "For those reasons the system appeals to me, and...I think of myself as half-Marxist, half-Buddhist."⁴⁹ But he also sent a reassuring message to "those who live in abundance": "It is a good thing to be rich... Those are the fruits for deserving actions, the proof that they have been generous in the past." And to the poor he offers this admonition: "There is no good reason to become bitter and rebel against those who have property and fortune... It is better to develop a positive attitude."⁵⁰

In 2005, the Dalai Lama signed a widely advertised statement along with 10 other Nobel laureates supporting the "inalienable and fundamental human right" of working people throughout the world to form labour unions to protect their interests, in accordance with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In many countries, the statement read, "this fundamental right is poorly protected and in some it is explicitly banned or brutally suppressed". Burma, China, Colombia, Bosnia and a few other countries were singled out as among the worst offenders. Even the United States "...fails to adequately protect workers' rights to form unions and bargain collectively. Millions of US workers lack any legal protection to form unions..."⁵¹

The Dalai Lama also gave full support to removing the ingrained traditional obstacles that have kept Tibetan nuns from receiving an education. Upon arriving in exile, few nuns could read or write. In Tibet, their activities had been devoted to day-long periods of prayer and chants. But in northern India they now

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began reading Buddhist philosophy and engaging in theological study and debate—activities that in old Tibet had been open only to monks.⁵²

In November 2005, the Dalai Lama spoke at Stanford University on "The Heart of Nonviolence" but stopped short of a blanket condemnation of all violence. Violent actions that are committed in order to reduce future suffering are not to be condemned, he said, citing World War II as an example of a worthy effort to protect democracy. What of the four years of carnage and mass destruction in Iraq, a war condemned by most of the world—even by a conservative pope—as a blatant violation of international law and a crime against humanity? The Dalai Lama was undecided: "The Iraq war—it's too early to say, right or wrong."⁵³ Earlier he had voiced support for the US military intervention against Yugoslavia and, later on, the US military intervention in Afghanistan.⁵⁴

III. Exit Feudal Theocracy

As the Shangri-La myth would have it, in old Tibet the people lived in contented and tranquil symbiosis with their monastic and secular lords. Rich lamas and poor monks, wealthy landlords and impoverished serfs were all bonded together, mutually sustained by the comforting balm of a deeply spiritual and pacific culture.

One is reminded of the idealised image of feudal Europe presented by latter-day conservative Catholics such as G. K. Chesterton and Hilaire Belloc. For them, mediaeval Christendom was a world of contented peasants living in the secure embrace of their Church, under the more or less benign protection of their lords.⁵⁵ Again we are invited to accept a particular culture in its idealised form, divorced from its murky material history. This means accepting it as presented by its favoured class, by those who profited most from it. The Shangri-La image of Tibet bears no more resemblance to historic actuality than does the pastoral image of mediaeval Europe.

Seen in all its grim realities, old Tibet confirms the view I expressed in an earlier book—namely, that culture is anything but neutral. Culture can operate as a legitimating cover for a host of grave injustices, benefiting a privileged portion of society at great cost to the rest.⁵⁶ In theocratic feudal Tibet, ruling interests manipulated the traditional culture to fortify their own wealth and power. The theocracy equated rebellious thought and action with satanic influence. It propagated the general presumption of landlord superiority and peasant unworthiness. The rich were represented as deserving their good life and the lowly poor as deserving their mean existence, all codified in teachings about the karmic residue of virtue and vice accumulated from past lives, presented as part of God's will.

Were the more affluent lamas just hypocrites who preached one thing and secretly believed another? More likely they were genuinely attached to those beliefs that brought such good results for them. That their theology so perfectly supported their material privileges only strengthened the sincerity with which it was embraced.

It might be said that we denizens of the modern secular world cannot grasp the equations of happiness and pain, contentment and custom, that characterise more traditionally spiritual societies.

This is probably true, and it may explain why some of us idealise such societies. But still, a gouged eye is a gouged eye, a flogging is a flogging and the grinding exploitation of serfs and slaves is a brutal class injustice whatever its cultural wrapping. There is a difference between a spiritual bond and human bondage, even when both exist side by side.

Many ordinary Tibetans want the Dalai Lama back in their country, but it appears that relatively few want a return to the social order he represented. A story in the *Washington Post* (23 July 1999) noted that the Dalai Lama continues to be revered in Tibet, but few Tibetans would welcome a return of the corrupt aristocratic clans that fled with him in 1959 and that comprise the bulk of his advisers. Many Tibetan farmers, for example, have no interest in surrendering the land they gained during China's land reform to the clans. Tibet's former slaves say that they, too, don't want their former masters to return to power. "I've already lived that life once before," said Wangchuk, a 67-year-old former slave who was wearing his best clothes for his yearly pilgrimage to Shigatse, one of the holiest sites of Tibetan Buddhism. He said he

worshipped the Dalai Lama, but added: "I may not be free under Chinese communism, but I am better off than when I was a slave."⁵⁷

It should be noted that the Dalai Lama is not the only highly placed lama chosen in childhood as a reincarnation. One or another reincarnated lama or *tulku*—a spiritual teacher of special purity elected to be reborn again and again—can be found presiding over most major monasteries. The tulku system is unique to Tibetan Buddhism. Scores of Tibetan lamas claim to be reincarnated tulkus.

The very first tulku was a lama known as the Karmapa, who appeared nearly three centuries before the first Dalai Lama. The Karmapa is the leader of a Tibetan Buddhist tradition known as the Karma Kagyu. The rise of the Gelugpa sect headed by the Dalai Lama led to a politico-religious rivalry with the Kagyu that has lasted 500 years and continues to play itself out within the Tibetan exile community today. That the Kagyu sect has grown famously, opening some 600 new centres around the world in the last 35 years, has not helped the situation.

The search for a tulku, Erik Curren reminds us, has not always been conducted in that purely spiritual mode portrayed in certain Hollywood films. "Sometimes monastic officials wanted a child from a powerful local noble family to give the cloister more political clout. Other times they wanted a child from a lower-class family who would have little leverage to influence the child's upbringing." On other occasions "a local warlord, the Chinese emperor or even the Dalai Lama's government in Lhasa might [have tried] to impose [his/]its choice of tulku on a monastery for political reasons".⁵⁸

Such may have been the case in the selection of the 17th Karmapa, whose monastery-in-exile is situated in Rumtek, in the Indian state of Sikkim. In 1993, the monks of the Karma Kagyu tradition had a candidate of their own choice. The Dalai Lama, along with several dissenting Karma Kagyu leaders (and with the support of the Chinese government!) backed a different boy.

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DR NIKOLA TESLA ON DETECTING AND COMBATTING SUBMARINES

In 1917, H. Winfield Secor, associate editor of *The Electrical Experimenter* magazine, was fortunate enough to obtain an exclusive interview with the world-famous electrical inventor Dr Nikola Tesla. It was published in the August issue of the magazine under the title "Tesla's Views on Electricity and the War". The interview is now available, courtesy of Larry Brian Radka of Einhorn Press, at <http://einhornpress.com/inventor.aspx>

— Editor

Nikola Tesla, one of the greatest of living electrical engineers and recipient of the seventh "Edison" medal, has evolved several unique and far-reaching ideas which if developed and practically applied should help to partially, if not totally, solve the much discussed submarine menace and to provide a means whereby the enemy's powder and shell magazines may be exploded at a distance of several miles.

There have been numerous stories bruited about by more or less irresponsible self-styled experts that certain American inventors, including Dr Tesla, had invented among other things an electric ray to destroy or detect a submarine under water at a considerable distance. [Dr] Tesla very courteously granted the writer an interview and some of his ideas on electricity's possible role in helping to end the great world-war are herein given:

"The all-absorbing topic of daily conversation at the present time is of course the 'U-boat'." Therefore, I made that subject my opening shot.

"Well," said Dr Tesla, "I have several distinct ideas regarding the subjugation of the submarine. But lest we forget, let us not underestimate the efficiency of the means available for carrying on submarine warfare. We may use microphones to detect the submarine, but on the other hand the submarine commander may employ

microphones to locate a ship and even torpedo it by the range thus found, without [e]ver showing his periscope above water.

"Many years ago, while serving in the capacity of chief electrician for an electric plant situated on the river Seine in France, I had occasion to require for certain testing purposes an extremely sensitive galvanometer. In those days the quartz fiber was an unknown quantity—and I, by becoming specially adept, managed to produce an extremely fine cocoon fiber for the galvanometer suspension. Further, the galvanometer proved very sensitive for the location in which it was to be used, so a special cement base was sunk in the ground and, by using a lead sub-base suspended on springs, all mechanical shock and vibration effects were finally gotten rid of.

"As a matter of actual personal experience," said Dr Tesla, "it became a fact that the small iron-hull steam mail-packets [ships] plying up and down the river Seine at a distance of three miles would distinctly affect the galvanometer!"

"How could this be applied to the submarine problem?" I asked.

"Well, for one thing," the scientist replied, "I believe the magnetic method of locating or indicating the presence of an iron or steel mass might prove very practical in locating a hidden submarine. And it is of course of paramount importance that we do find a means of accurately locating the sub-sea fighters when they are submerged, so that we can, with this information, be ready to close in on them when they attempt to come to the surface. Especially is this important when several vessels are

traveling in fleet formation; the location and presence of the enemy submarine can be radiographed to the other vessels by the one doing the magnetic surveying and, by means of nets in some cases, or gun-fire and the use of hydro-aeroplanes sent aloft from the ships, the enemy under water stands a mighty good chance of being either 'bombed', shelled or netted.

"However, a means would soon be found of nullifying this magnetic detector of the submerged undersea war-craft. They might make the 'U-boat' hulls of some non-magnetic metal, such as copper, brass, or aluminum. It is a good rule to always keep in mind that for practically every good invention of such a kind as this, there has always been invented an opposite, and equally efficient, counteracting invention."

"How about this new electric ray method of locating submarines?" I ventured to ask.

"Yes, yes, I am coming to that," the master electrician parried. "Now suppose



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that we erect on a vessel a large rectangular helix or inductance coil of insulated wire. Actual experiments in my laboratory at Houston Street (New York City) have proven that the presence of a local iron mass such as the ship's hull would not interfere with the action of this device.

"To this coil of wire, measuring perhaps 400 feet in length by 70 feet in width, the breadth of the ship, we connect a source of extremely high frequency and very powerful oscillating current. By this means there are radiated powerful oscillating electro-static currents, which as I have found by actual experiment in my Colorado tests some years ago will first affect a metallic body (such as a submarine hull, even though made of brass or any other metal) and in turn cause that mass to react inductively on the exciting coil on the ship. To locate an iron mass, it is not necessary to excite the coil with a high frequency current; the critical balance of the coil will be affected simply by the presence of the magnetic body.

"To be able to accurately determine the direction and range of the enemy submarine, four exciting inductances should be used.* With a single inductance, however, it would be possible to determine the location of a submarine by

running the ship first in one direction and then in another, and noting whether the reactance effect caused by the presence of the submarine hull increased or decreased. The radiating inductance must be very sharply attuned to the measuring apparatus installed on the ship, when no trouble will be found in detecting the presence of such a large metallic mass as a submarine, even at a distance of five to six miles; of this I

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feel confident from my past experiments in the realm of ultra-high frequency currents and potentials."

Back to the Colorado Tests

"What particular experiments do you have in mind, Dr Tesla?" I asked.

"The Colorado tests of 1898-1900.

Wonderful were the results obtained, both those anticipated as well as those unexpected. As an example of what has been done with several hundred kilowatts of high frequency energy liberated, it was found that the dynamos in a power house six miles away were repeatedly burned out, due to the powerful high-frequency currents set up in them and which caused heavy sparks to jump through the windings and destroy the insulation!

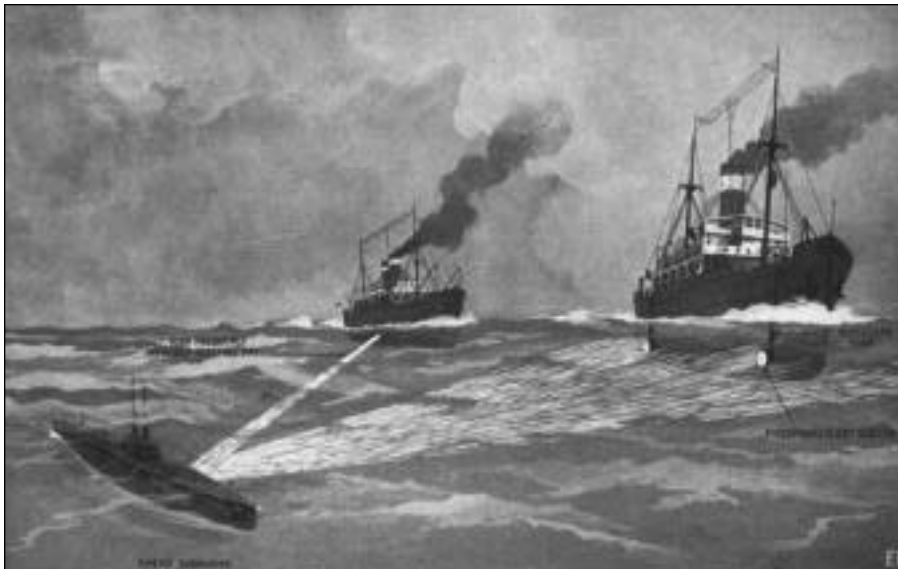
"The lightning arresters in the power house showed a stream of blue-white sparks passing between the metal plates to the earth connection. I could walk on the sand (ordinarily considered a very good insulator) several hundred feet from my large high-frequency oscillator, and sparks jumped from my shoes! At such distances all incandescent lamps glowed by wireless power,** and banks of lamp, connected to a few turns of wire arranged in a coil on the ground, were lighted to full brilliancy.

The effect on metallic objects at considerable distances was really remarkable."

I asked him about the "Uliivi ray", which was accorded considerable newspaper publicity some time ago.

"The 'Uliivi ray' really was transplanted from this country to Italy," asserted Dr Tesla. "It was simply an adaptation of my ultra-powerful high-frequency phenomena as carried out in Colorado and cited previously. With a powerful oscillator developing thousands of horsepower, it would become readily possible to detonate powder and munition magazines by means of the high frequency currents induced in every bit of metal even when located five to six miles away and more. Even a powder can would have a potential of 6,000 to 7,000 volts induced in it at that distance.

"At the time of those tests, I succeeded in producing the most powerful X-rays ever seen. I could stand at a distance of 100 feet from the X-ray apparatus and see the bones of the hand clearly with the aid of a fluoroscope screen; and I could have easily seen them at a distance several times this by utilizing suitable power. In fact, I could not then procure X-ray generators to handle even a small fraction of the power I had available. But I now have apparatus designed whereby this tremendous energy of hundreds of kilowatts can be successfully transformed into X-rays."



Nikola Tesla, the famous electric inventor, has proposed three different electrical schemes for locating submerged submarines. The reflected ray method is illustrated above. The high-frequency invisible electric ray, when reflected by a submarine hull, causes phosphorescent screens on another or even the same ship to glow, giving warning that the U-boats are near. (Source: *The Electrical Experimenter*, August 1917)

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Submarine Warfare

"Could these ultra-powerful and unusually penetrating X-rays be used to locate or destroy a submarine?" I interjected.

"Now we are coming to the method of locating such hidden metal masses as submarines by an electric ray," replied the electrical wizard. "That is the thing which seems to hold great promises. If we can shoot out a concentrated ray comprising a stream of minute electric charges vibrating electrically at tremendous frequency, say millions of cycles per second, and then intercept the ray after it has been reflected by a submarine hull, for example, and cause this intercepted ray to illuminate a fluorescent screen (similar to the X-ray method) on the same or another ship, then our problem of locating the hidden submarine will have been solved.

"This electric ray would necessarily have to have an oscillation wave length extremely short, and here is where the great problem presents itself, i.e., to be able to develop a sufficiently short wavelength and a large amount of power, say several thousand or even several hundred thousand horsepower. I have produced oscillators having a wavelength of but a few millimeters.

"Suppose, for example, that a vessel is fitted with such an electric ray projector. The average ship has available from, say, 10,000 to 15,000 H.P. The exploring ray could be flashed out intermittently, and thus it would be possible to hurl forth a very formidable beam of pulsating electric energy, involving a discharge of hundreds of thousands of horsepower. The electric energy would be taken from the ship's plant for a fraction of a minute, only being absorbed at a tremendous rate by suitable condensers and other apparatus from which it could be liberated at any rate desired.

"Imagine that the ray has been shot out and that in sweeping through the water it encounters the hull of a submarine. What happens? Just this: the ray would be reflected, and by an appropriate device we would intercept and

translate this reflected ray, as for instance by allowing the ray to impinge on a phosphorescent screen, acting in a similar way to the X-ray screen. The ray would be invisible to the unaided eye. The reflected ray could be, firstly, intercepted by the one or more ships in the fleet, or, secondly, it would be possible for the ship originating the ray to intercept the refracted portion by sending out the ray intermittently and also by taking advantage of what is known as the after-glow effect, which means that the ray would affect the registering screen an appreciable time after its origination. This would be necessary to allow the ship to move forward sufficiently to get within range of the reflected ray from the submarine, as the reflection would not be in the same direction as the originating ray.

"To make this clearer, consider that a concentrated ray from a searchlight is thrown on a balloon at night. When the spot of light strikes the balloon, the latter at once becomes visible from many different angles. The same effect would be created with the electric ray if properly applied. When the ray struck the rough hull of a submarine, it would be reflected, but not in a [con]centrated beam—it would spread out; which is just what we want. Suppose several vessels are steaming along in company; it thus becomes evident that several of them will intercept the reflected ray and accordingly be warned of the presence of the submarine or submarines.

The vessels would at once lower their nets, if so equipped, order their gun crews to quarters and double the look-out watch. The important thing to know is that submarines are present. Forewarned is forearmed!

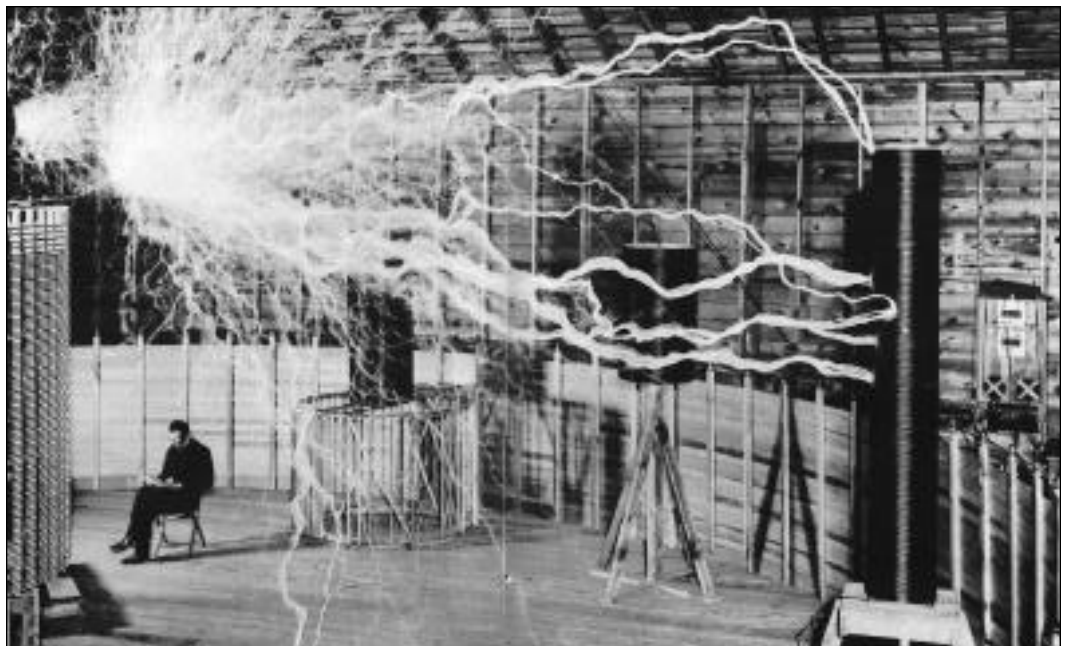
"The Teutons are clever, you know; very, very clever; but we shall beat them," said Dr Tesla confidently.

* Here Tesla is proposing a form of RADAR (an acronym for Radio Detection And Ranging), not fully developed until several years later.

** As an amateur radio operator (KB3ZU), I can attest to the fact that high-frequency radiated power will light up the filaments in electric bulbs with no house-current applied. A few times, I inadvertently left the antenna disconnected while operating my 2,000-watt (PEP) linear amplifier in the 15-metre band, and I watched the filaments in all the turned-off incandescent bulbs in the room light up to about half-normal brilliancy when I spoke over the microphone loudly. This was because of the maximum modulation being reached and my transmitter's output being improperly terminated.

— Larry Brian Radka, Einhorn Press

(Source: Non-facsimile reproduction of "Blinding the Submarine", The Electrical Experimenter, August 1917, posted at <http://einhornpress.com/inventor>)



Tesla at work

THE SECRET WAR ON ET CONTACTEES

Since the early 1950s, a series of counterintelligence programs run by the CIA, NSA, FBI and other US agencies have been used to monitor, debunk, discredit and neutralise alien contactees and supporters on the pretext of their threat to national security.

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Exposing the Covert Counterintelligence Programs

In the early 1950s, a select group of individuals began to make claims publicly of having had direct physical contact with "human-looking" representatives of different extraterrestrial (ET) civilisations. These "contactees" claimed to have been given knowledge of the extraterrestrials' advanced technologies, philosophical beliefs and efforts to assist humanity in becoming part of a galactic society where open contact with off-world civilisations would occur. Contactees described the extraterrestrials as benign, very respectful of human free will and ancestrally linked to humanity (thus dubbed the "space brothers"). Further revealed by the contactees was that extraterrestrials, who in many cases were indistinguishable from humans, had secretly integrated into human society.¹ The apparent goals were to acquaint themselves better with different national cultures and/or to participate in an educational uplift program to prepare humanity for galactic status. Contactees began to disseminate to the general public the nature of their experiences and knowledge gained through interaction with extraterrestrials.

Information revealed by contactees presented an unrivalled national security crisis for policy-makers in the United States and other major nations. Two main elements comprised this crisis. First, the advanced space vehicles and technologies possessed by extraterrestrial civilisations were far more sophisticated than the most developed aircraft, weapons and communications systems possessed by national governments. This presented an urgent technological problem that required vast national resources to bridge the technological gap with extraterrestrials. It led to a second Manhattan Project whose existence and secret funding would be known only to those with a "need to know".² Manhattan II, along with evidence of extraterrestrial visitors and technologies, would be kept secret from the general public, the media and most elected political representatives.

Second, extraterrestrial civilisations were contacting private individuals and even having some of their representatives integrate into human society.³ This was encouraging growing numbers of individuals to participate in a covert extraterrestrial effort to prepare humanity for "galactic status"—where the existence of ETs would be officially acknowledged and open interaction would occur. Also included was the issue of nuclear disarmament. Tens of thousands of individuals supported the contactees who distributed newsletters, spoke at conferences and travelled widely, spreading their information for peacefully transforming the planet and calling for an immediate end to the development of nuclear weapons. Nuclear weapons threatened more than humanity's future, according to the extraterrestrials. Every detonation disrupted the fabric of space, which could also seriously affect their own worlds in destructive ways.

Directly confronted were the policies of major nations that were actively building nuclear weapons. Enormous revolutionary potential for the entire planet was put forward. Thus, contactees presented an urgent national security need for an extensive counterintelligence program. Preventing the contactee movement from becoming a catalyst for global changes through the teachings and experiences gained from ETs became top priority. Consequently, a highly secret and ruthless counterintelligence program was finally implemented that directly targeted contactees and their supporters.

A series of covert intelligence programs was implemented that aimed to neutralise the revolutionary potential of the contactee movement. These programs evolved in three phases, which resulted in the final counterintelligence program that was adopted to eliminate any threat posed by contactees.

- Phase one was the initial surveillance of contactees by intelligence agencies, which

attempted to discern the scope and implications of human and extraterrestrial interaction.

- Phase two was the more active phase of debunking and discrediting contactees and their supporters.

- Phase three was integrated into the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) COINTELPRO (counterintelligence program), which provided the necessary cover for comprehensively neutralising any possible threat by contactees who might join other dissident groups for comprehensive policy changes.

All three phases of the covert programs employed against contactees were secretly run by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) and the National Security Agency (NSA), whose field agents were directly aware of the reality of extraterrestrial life and the contact and communications occurring with private citizens.

This paper concentrates on the covert counterintelligence program adopted by US national security agencies that targeted contactees ever since the 1950s in an effort to nullify, discredit and debunk evidence confirming private citizen contact with extraterrestrial civilisations and the revolutionary potential this had to transform the planet.

Phase One: Intelligence Agencies Monitor Contactees

There is extensive documentation to establish that the FBI closely monitored contactees and was keenly interested in determining the scope of their activities resulting from communications and interactions with extraterrestrials.⁴ *Declassified FBI documents establish that prominent contactees were subjected to close monitoring, where their statements and activities were investigated, and field agents directly issued reports to the FBI Director, J. Edgar Hoover.* Field agent reports

suggest that the FBI Director was seriously trying to apprise himself of the revolutionary potential posed by contactees and the threat to US national security. This is not surprising, given documentation that suggests the FBI was largely left out of the intelligence loop concerning ET technologies.⁵ Hoover was probably relying on surveillance of contactees to inform himself of the true situation concerning extraterrestrials.

George Van Tassel claimed that in August 1953 he had a physical meeting with human-looking extraterrestrials from Venus. He subsequently established regular "telepathic" communications with them, where he was given information that he shared with his many supporters and public authorities. Popularity grew rapidly for Van Tassel, who had many thousands read his newsletters and attend his public lectures. Thousands also attended Van Tassel's annual Giant Rock flying saucer conventions in the Mojave Desert that began in 1954 and over a 23-year period became the key annual event for the contactee movement.

FBI interest in Van Tassel dated from November 1953, when he sent a letter to the Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC) at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on behalf of "Commander Ashtar" to deliver a "friendly warning" concerning the destructive weapons then under development.⁶ This led to a meeting between Major S. Avner of AFOSI, who met with a liaison for the FBI, and culminated in Van Tassel being interviewed by the two

special agents on 16 November 1954. The agents sent an extensive memo to J. Edgar Hoover, detailing Van Tassel's claims to having been visited by extraterrestrials.⁷ Revealed by the memo is Hoover's special interest in what the ETs had to say about the atomic weapons, an upcoming Third World War and their ability to communicate telepathically with Van Tassel.

Another contactee who received much FBI attention was George Adamski. Adamski first became known in 1947 for his photos of flying saucers and motherships, taken with an amateur telescope on Mount Palomar, California, which received wide coverage. He became the most well known of all contactees due to his internationally best-selling books describing his meetings with extraterrestrials. The first book, *Flying Saucers Have Landed* (1953; co-authored with Desmond Leslie), was based on Adamski's 20 November 1952 Desert Center encounter with "Orthon", the Venusian occupant of an extraterrestrial scoutcraft. Orthon proceeded to tell Adamski about the dangers posed by nuclear weapons and the possibility that all life could be destroyed in an uncontrolled nuclear reaction. Four months later, in February 1953, Adamski claimed to have had another encounter, in which he was picked up by two ETs at a Los Angeles hotel lobby and driven to a secret location where he again met Orthon and was taken inside a Venusian mothercraft.⁸

Adamski's UFO sightings and contacts with extraterrestrials were supported by an impressive collection of witnesses as well as photographs and films which a number of independent investigators concluded were not hoaxes.⁹

Interest in Adamski by the FBI began in September 1950 when a confidential source started relaying information to the FBI's San Diego office. According to the source, Adamski explained that the social system used by the extraterrestrials most closely resembled communism.

This "raised eyebrows within the FBI, and led to continued, deep monitoring".¹⁰ Also according to the FBI source, Adamski claimed that "this country is a corrupt form of government and capitalists are enslaving the poor".¹¹ Predictably, such comments led to Adamski being viewed as a "security matter".¹² The source was never revealed by the FBI and so there was no way to evaluate the source's objectivity in relaying such prejudicial information. Adamski's claims that the ETs viewed the development of nuclear weapons as a threat to the future of humanity were a cause of deep concern among officials. Such views led the FBI to consider him, along with George Van Tassel, a subversive who required close monitoring, according to a 1952 document.¹³

A lecture by Adamski at a California Lions Club on 12 March 1953 was covered by a local newspaper, which reported that Adamski had official FBI and Air Force clearance to present his material to the public. According to Adamski this newspaper report was "incorrect", but it led to a visit by FBI and Air Force representatives who were apparently concerned by references to official clearance. The representatives demanded that Adamski sign a document that his material did not have official clearance.¹⁴ J. Edgar Hoover's office received the FBI and Air Force representatives' report, together with the signed document. Adamski's popularity and his international travel led to the FBI and other intelligence agencies paying close attention to his

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statements and public reactions. In February 1959, Adamski travelled to New Zealand and spoke before packed audiences. A one-page Foreign Service dispatch with Adamski's key talking points was circulated to the FBI, CIA, Air Force and Navy, thus confirming the continued monitoring of Adamski.

Other contactees who were monitored by the FBI, according to declassified documents, included Daniel Fry, George Hunt Williamson and Truman Bethurum.¹⁵ Information relayed by contactees concerning the social and economic systems of the extraterrestrials, together with the ETs' criticism of the nuclear weapons development occurring around the globe, led to them and their supporters being considered security threats. Given the national hysteria over communism during the McCarthy era, this led to counterintelligence programs being implemented against the contactees.

Phase Two: Debunking and Discrediting Contactees

The CIA played an active role in creating the necessary legal, political and social environment for the debunking of flying saucer reports and discrediting contactee claims. It did so by depicting flying saucer reports as a national security threat insofar as mass hysteria over them could be exploited by foreign enemies. Solid justification for such a psychological program was built on the famous 1938 radio broadcast by Orson Welles.¹⁶ Consequently, the CIA led covert psychological operations that would "educate" the American public about the "correct facts" concerning flying saucer reports and contactee claims. One of the first actions taken by the CIA was to initiate the creation of an interagency government group called the Psychological Strategy Board (PSB) that would deal with national security threats through covert psychological operations.

A presidential directive on 4 April 1951 created the Psychological Strategy Board "to authorize and provide for the more effective planning, coordination, and conduct within the framework of approved national policies, of psychological operations".¹⁷ Set up by Gordon Gray, a top adviser to President Truman at the time, the PSB was initially located within the CIA but reported to the National Security Council. Ostensibly, the PSB would lead covert psychological operations to deal with the Cold War threat, but this threat was a cover for its true function. In reality, the Psychological Strategy Board was created to deal with the national security threat posed by flying saucer reports and contactee claims that could undermine the authority of the US government.

According to leaked government documents, Gray is described as a founding member of the secret control group, allegedly titled the Majestic-12 Special Studies Group (MJ-12), which took charge of the extraterrestrial issue.¹⁸ According to one of the leaked Majestic documents, President Truman created the PSB on the recommendation of the head of MJ-12.¹⁹ Gray's leadership and the role of MJ-12 in the board's creation help confirm that the PSB was created to run psychological operations to shape public opinion on the ET issue.

The success of the Psychological Strategy Board, and that of its successor, the Operations Coordinating Board, as well as that of all covert psychological operations concerning extraterrestrial life depended upon the truth being disclosed only to those with a "need to know".²⁰ This required the creation of a suitable national security cover for psychological operations against the American public. Victory would be achieved through the formation of a panel of experts that could shape government policy and intelligence activities against those involved in ET affairs.

Named after its chairman, Dr Howard Robertson, the Robertson Panel reviewed cases of flying saucers over a four-day period for a total of 12 hours and found none of them to be credible. Conclusions by the panel were released in a document called the Durant Report. It recommended ridiculing the "flying saucer phenomenon", and the possibility of extraterrestrial life, for national security reasons. The report is key to understanding the institutionally sanctioned debunking and discrediting of evidence concerning extraterrestrial life. Confirmation of the leading role of the CIA in convening the panel and choosing experts appears in the Durant Report itself, despite efforts in early releases of sanitised versions to suppress the CIA's role.²¹

Almost exclusively, the Durant Report focused on the national security threat posed by foreign powers exploiting the American public's belief in the flying saucer phenomenon. It declared that related dangers might well exist, resulting from "[s]ubjectivity of public to mass hysteria and greater vulnerability to possible enemy psychological warfare", and that "if reporting channels are saturated with false and poorly documented reports, our capability of detecting hostile activity will be reduced".²²

Consequently, the Robertson Panel recommended an "educational program" to remove the threat posed by enemy nations exploiting the public's belief in flying saucers:

"The Panel's concept of a broad educational program integrating efforts of all concerned agencies was that it should have two major aims: training and 'debunking'... The 'debunking' aim would result in reduction in public interest in 'flying saucers' which today evokes a strong psychological reaction.

This education could be accomplished by mass media such as television, motion pictures, and popular articles... Such a program should tend to reduce the current gullibility of the public and consequently their susceptibility to clever hostile propaganda."²³

So, the panel concluded that the public's psychological reaction to flying saucers was the basis of a possible security threat. The Cold War provided the necessary security environment for the CIA and interagency entities such as the Psychological Strategy Board to claim that flying saucers could be exploited by the Soviet Union using psychological warfare techniques. Consequently, psychological operations would have to be conducted through the mass media and official agencies to debunk flying saucer reports and remove the possible threat. Irrespective of the truth of contactees' claims of having met with ETs, this meant that the public's possible reaction to the reality of

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flying saucers and extraterrestrial life justified debunking all contactee reports.

The Durant Report created the *necessary legal justification to debunk evidence provided by contactees, regardless of the merits of their claims*. This is evidenced in the way in which the FBI and other intelligence agencies privately interacted with contactees and then made public statements or leaked information to the media in ways that questioned the integrity of the contactees. For example, Adamski had communicated with the FBI, AFOSI and the Pentagon over the content of material that he would put in his books or in documents he would present to the public. This is not surprising, given that many contactees, like Adamski, were former military servicemen who understood the importance of not doing anything to threaten national security. Adamski had been led to believe that he was cleared to distribute a particular document, and he made public statements to this effect. The FBI disagreed and subsequently made public its views about Adamski's alleged "fraudulent, improper" behaviour in a way that delivered a "huge blow to Adamski's credibility".²⁴

At the time when the general public believed unquestionably in the accuracy of statements made by public officials, such negative comments would be sufficient to end one's career or credibility. Certainly, many in the general public interested in the flying saucer phenomenon now believed Adamski to be a fraud. What the public did not realise was that intelligence agencies such as the FBI and AFOSI were intent on debunking contactees as a matter of policy due to the threat they posed to national security.

Another way in which contactee claims were debunked was to have tabloid newspapers such as the *National Enquirer* publish sensational reports that embellished actual contactee testimonies or were entirely fabricated by staff reporters. Any subsequent investigations by researchers would demonstrate that such claims were exaggerated or unfounded, thereby tainting the contactees and UFO research more generally.

What was not generally known was that the *National Enquirer* was created and controlled by known CIA assets whose covert assignment was to ridicule the entire flying saucer phenomenon.²⁵ With its sensationalistic tabloid style, *it was one of the chief instruments of the covert psychological operations used to debunk contactee claims and flying saucer reports*. The *National Enquirer* and other media sources covering contactee claims were part of the "educational program" that required the debunking of flying saucer reports.

The *National Enquirer* succeeded so well that influential UFO researchers determined to establish the scientific merit in investigating UFO reports became unwitting allies to the covert psychological program to dismiss contactee claims. This is evidenced in remarks by leading UFO researchers such as Major Donald Keyhoe, who emphasised the need to separate genuine UFO reports from "the mass of wild tales and usually ridiculous 'contactee' claims".²⁶

Keyhoe and other UFO researchers were greatly concerned

about contactee claims that were being exaggerated by the press: "...the press unfortunately lump all 'spacemen' reports together, causing many people to reject all of the UFO evidence".²⁷ Essentially, Keyhoe viewed contactee reports as an embarrassment that needed to be separated from the more scientifically oriented UFO research. Other prominent UFO researchers followed Keyhoe's approach, thus creating a major schism among those convinced that extraterrestrial life was visiting Earth.

The successful debunking of reports of flying saucers and extraterrestrial life made it possible for the CIA, FBI and military intelligence agencies to move to the third phase of their covert psychological operations: full-scale counterintelligence warfare techniques to disrupt and neutralise the contactee movement.

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Phase Three: Galactic COINTELPRO

COINTELPRO was a counterintelligence program initiated in 1956 against political dissidents and reportedly ended in 1971. It was primarily run by the FBI; other intelligence agencies such as the CIA and NSA assisted in select covert activities. COINTELPRO assumed that political dissidents in the United States were being influenced by foreign powers in ways deemed a threat to US national security. In the case of both contactees and political dissidents, the influence of "foreign powers" was thought to justify military-style counterintelligence programs to disrupt and neutralise these groups.

There were two significant differences in how COINTELPRO was used against political dissidents and contactees respectively. First, while intelligence agents were fully briefed about the "foreign powers" influencing political dissidents, it is unlikely they were fully briefed about contactees. Second, while COINTELPRO's use against political dissidents was exposed and apparently ended in 1971, the COINTELPRO used against contactees was never exposed. The program almost certainly continues to the present.

In 1975, a US Senate committee chaired by Senator Frank Church investigated COINTELPRO's methods and targets, and in 1976 published a detailed report.²⁸ The Church Committee described COINTELPRO as going "...beyond the collection of intelligence to secret action defined to 'disrupt' and 'neutralize' target groups and individuals. The techniques were adopted wholesale from wartime counterintelligence..."²⁹

The committee characterised COINTELPRO as a series of covert actions taken against American citizens and part of a "rough, tough, dirty business", according to William Sullivan, assistant to the FBI Director.³⁰ Between 1960 and 1974, over 500,000 investigations of potential anti-government subversives had been launched but no charges were ever laid under statutes concerning overthrow of the US government.³¹

The Church Committee grouped the activities conducted by COINTELPRO under the following headings: (a) General Efforts to Discredit; (b) Media Manipulation; (c) Distorting Data to Influence Government Policy and Public Perceptions; (d)

"Chilling" First Amendment Rights; and (e) Preventing the Free Exchange of Ideas.³² The committee found that "[o]fficials of the intelligence agencies occasionally recognized that certain activities were illegal... [and] that the law and the Constitution, were simply ignored".³³ More disturbingly, the committee concluded that "[u]nsavory and vicious tactics have been employed".³⁴

The Church Committee did not discuss COINTELPRO in regard to the UFO issue or contactee claims. Despite that omission, circumstantial evidence clearly points to COINTELPRO being used against contactees and being the final stage of a well-orchestrated counterintelligence program to "disrupt" and "neutralize" the contactee movement. As shown earlier in the cases of Van Tassel and Adamski, contactee claims dealing with a range of socio-economic and military policies from the perspective of extraterrestrial life were viewed as subversive and a direct threat to US national security.

The full nature of the threat posed by the reality of extraterrestrial life and technologies was vividly evidenced in the 1961 Brookings Institution Report, commissioned by NASA on behalf of the US Congress. Titled "Proposed Studies on the Implications of Peaceful Space Activities for Human Affairs", the report discussed the societal impact of extraterrestrial life or "artifacts" being found on nearby planetary bodies. Devastating societal effects, according to the report, could result from contact with more technologically advanced off-world societies:

"Anthropological files contain many examples of societies, sure of their place in the universe, which have disintegrated when they had to associate with previously unfamiliar societies espousing different ideas and different life ways; others that survived such an experience usually did so by paying the price of changes in values, attitudes and behavior."³⁵

The Brookings Report went on to raise the possibility of suppressing any announcement of extraterrestrial life or artifacts for national security reasons:

"How might such information, under what circumstances, be presented or withheld from the public?"³⁶

Consequently, it is clear that official fear over societal responses to any official announcement of extraterrestrial life was a paramount national security concern. A powerful justification for the use of COINTELPRO against contactees had been found.

One of the most important tactics used by COINTELPRO was to disrupt dissident groups by creating divisions and suspicion among their supporters. In the "Galactic" version of COINTELPRO, disruption occurred by dividing those who accepted evidence confirming the reality of UFOs and extraterrestrial life. A division between exponents of a purely scientific approach to UFO data and those supporting the testimonies of contactees was cleverly exploited by COINTELPRO operatives. Victory would be achieved by convincing more technically oriented supporters of a purely scientific approach that the contactee movement would discredit "serious" researchers. To help convince supporters of a scientific approach that their efforts would eventually bear fruit, an official Air Force investigation was launched in 1952. Project *Blue Book* was little more than a public relations exercise by the US Air Force to convince the general public and UFO researchers that it was taking UFO reports seriously.³⁷

One of Project *Blue Book*'s primary functions was to carry out the first plank of the "education program" recommended by the Durant Report. It would "train" the general public in how to evaluate the UFO data correctly in ways that would defuse public and media interest in such reports. In short, *Blue Book* was a key part of the covert psychological operations being conducted to convince the general public and media that UFO reports were not important and not worth considering. Nevertheless, the status of Project *Blue Book* as an official Air Force investigation encouraged UFO researchers that rigorous scientific methods and research would eventually bear fruit. Such hopes were dashed in 1969 by the Condon Committee's final report which publicly put an end to the Air Force investigation and Project *Blue Book*.

Another primary function of *Blue Book* was to neutralise the contactee movement by depicting personal testimonies of contact with extraterrestrials as unscientific. By providing a highly visible public investigation, Project *Blue Book* provided the *necessary "training" for scientific research that would systematically exclude contactee reports*. UFO researchers would be encouraged to attack contactee reports as unscientific, prone to delusion or fraud and an insult to "serious" UFO research. Statements by leading UFO researchers such as Dr J. Allen

Hynek, a former consultant to Project *Blue Book*, provide evidence that such a process occurred. In a 1972 book purporting to provide the scientific foundations of UFO research, Dr Hynek dismissed testimonies of contactees, whom he regarded as "pseudoreligious fanatics" with "low credibility value":

"It is unfortunate, to say the least, that reports such as these have brought down upon the entire UFO problem the opprobrium and ridicule of scientists and public alike, keeping alive the popular image of 'little

green men' and the fictional atmosphere surrounding that aspect of the subject."³⁸

UFO researchers attacked contactee reports with great vigour to defuse what they considered to be a major challenge to serious public consideration of UFO reports. By encouraging UFO researchers that a purely scientific method would result in the truth about UFOs and extraterrestrial life eventually coming out, Galactic COINTELPRO succeeded in creating a major schism among those accepting the reality of UFOs and extraterrestrial life. By the end of the 1960s, the contactee movement had been so thoroughly debunked and discredited by UFO researchers that COINTELPRO no longer needed to have Project *Blue Book* continue. *UFO researchers had become the unwitting accomplices of intelligence agencies conducting the various covert psychological programs that made up Galactic COINTELPRO*. It also had a more sinister side in terms of the "[u]nsavory and vicious tactics" that were employed against contactees, which reflected methods used against political dissidents.³⁹

The mysterious Men in Black (MIB) phenomenon has been described by various researchers who discovered that individuals with extraterrestrial-related experiences were often threatened and harassed by well-dressed men in dark business suits who gave the appearance of being public officials. Evidence that elite intelligence groups were tasked to intimidate, harass and even neutralise contactees or others with direct experience with ETs or

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their technology appears in a leaked document that a number of veteran UFO researchers consider to be legitimate.⁴⁰ This document, the *Majestic-12 Group Special Operations Manual* (SOM1-01) of April 1954, stated:

"If at all possible, witnesses will be held incommunicado until the extent of their knowledge and involvement can be determined. Witnesses will be discouraged from talking about what they have seen, and intimidation may be necessary to ensure their cooperation."⁴¹

Investigations were also conducted by the US Air Force, which was concerned by reports that MIB had impersonated Air Force officials.⁴² The shadowy operations of the MIB and the SOM1-01 document suggests that they were part of an "enforcement" division of the counterintelligence effort that comprised the FBI, the Air Force's OSI, the Navy's Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) and even the CIA. It's very possible that MIB were associated with more secretive intelligence agencies such as the NSA and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO), where selected agents had higher security clearances for dealing with evidence of extraterrestrial life.⁴³

Consequently, a pecking order existed among the intelligence agencies involved in Galactic COINTELPRO, where each conducted specific functions. Agents drawn from the FBI, AFOSI and other military intelligence units including the ONI were primarily involved in intelligence gathering and closely monitoring the activities of contactees, as evidenced in documents released under the Freedom of Information Act. The CIA was involved in coordinating, debunking and discrediting efforts against contactees through a public education program outlined in the Durant Report. The NSA and NRO were involved in tracking communications and interactions with extraterrestrial life, and provided enforcement teams to withdraw evidence and intimidate contactees into silence. Galactic COINTELPRO could therefore minimise the amount of ET-related information held by different sections in each intelligence agency, where agents were instructed to perform specific functions. Most out of the loop concerning the reality of extraterrestrial life and the merit of contactee claims was the FBI. On the other hand, the NSA and NRO appeared to be most in the loop due to their monitoring of extraterrestrial activities through electronic communication and satellite imagery. Military intelligence agencies appeared to fill intermediate functions where they supported Galactic COINTELPRO, without being given access to all information concerning ET life and projects.⁴⁴

Conclusion

Galactic COINTELPRO as deployed against contactees aimed to minimise the threat posed by human-looking extraterrestrials to policies adopted by secretly appointed committees with regard to extraterrestrial life and technologies. Primarily, the threat from the extraterrestrials was that they would succeed in having contactees convince large portions of the American and global public of the

need for comprehensive policy changes to prepare humanity for status as a galactic society. Such policy changes were considered a direct security threat by policy-makers in the US and in other countries who were briefed about the reality of extraterrestrial life.

Galactic COINTELPRO involved three interrelated phases that culminated in a comprehensive counterintelligence program to disrupt and neutralise the threat posed by the contactee movement.

First was a surveillance program, orchestrated by the FBI, which closely monitored the contactees' public lectures, interactions and communications. Documents released through the FOIA have confirmed that the FBI conducted extensive monitoring of prominent contactees and worked with other intelligence agencies such as the AFOSI.

The second phase of Galactic COINTELPRO was a debunking and discrediting program, secretly run by the CIA which convened

the Robertson Panel which issued the Durant Report in 1953. Its most important finding for the counterintelligence program was to justify an education program comprising "training" the public and "debunking" witness testimonies, including those of contactees, on the basis of the national security threat posed by the public's belief in UFOs being exploited by foreign enemies. Irrespective of the merit of contactee claims, this meant that evidence and statements would be debunked and discredited on national security grounds. Intelligence professionals were in the unenviable position of debunking and discrediting people whom

they may have privately concluded were genuinely describing actual events that had occurred to them. FBI documents establish that FBI agents and sources played an active role in discrediting prominent contactees as part of the CIA's psychological program against contactees.

Galactic COINTELPRO's final stage was to create a schism between those accepting evidence of extraterrestrial life. UFO researchers advocating a scientific methodology were encouraged to dissociate themselves from contactee claims that were

regarded as unscientific and unlikely to lead to public support by academics, bureaucrats and congressional representatives. Project *Blue Book* was created to encourage UFO researchers to hold on to the misguided belief that a strict scientific methodology would be sufficient to overturn government policy on covering up the reality of extraterrestrial life. UFO researchers therefore led the charge against contactee claims being seriously considered. Aided by the *Blue Book* investigation, the public was trained in what categories of UFO evidence ought to be considered legitimate. None of these categories included contactee claims.

Galactic COINTELPRO could not have succeeded without the unwitting assistance of veteran UFO researchers who were all too eager to dismiss contactee claims as unscientific and prone to delusion or fraud. Such researchers failed miserably to anticipate the Galactic COINTELPRO that had been implemented to disrupt and neutralise contactee testimonies, and readily accepted official

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REFLECTIONS ON WORLDS BEFORE OUR OWN

Anomalous evidence, from human artifacts found in ancient strata to sand and stone structures vitrified by intense heat, suggestive of prehistoric nuclear war, cannot be explained by established interpretations of human origins.

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GEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE FOR MANKIND'S EXTREME ANTIQUITY

I find myself now, in the seventh decade of life, still asking two questions that in one way or another the great majority of my 165 published books have sought to answer: (1) who are we as a species? and (2) what is our destiny? The basic reason why I wrote *Worlds Before Our Own* (G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1978; Anomalist Books, 2007) is that I have always found it incredible that such sophisticated people, as we judge ourselves to be, do not really know who we are.

Archaeologists, anthropologists and various academicians who play the "origins of man" game reluctantly and only occasionally acknowledge instances where unique skeletal and cultural evidence from the prehistoric record suddenly appears long before it should—and in places where it should not. These irritating artifacts destroy the orderly evolutionary line that academia for so long has presented to the public. Consequently, such data have been largely left buried in site reports, forgotten storage rooms and dusty archives where one suspects that there is a great deal of suppressed, ignored and misplaced prehistoric cultural evidence that would alter the established interpretations of human origins and provide us with a much clearer definition of what it means to be human.

There is now a basic academic consensus that the "*Homo*" lineage goes back at least three million years, and that an ancestor of modern man evolved about one million years ago. *Homo sapiens*, the "thinking man" (our own species), became the dominant planetary life-form on a worldwide basis about 40,000 years ago.

It is difficult enough to explain the sudden appearance of *Homo sapiens* at that time, but it is an even more complex question to ponder why Neanderthal man and Cro-Magnon man correspondingly disappeared. Academic warfare rages unceasingly over whether or not Neanderthal man and our ancestors were two separate species or whether they interbred.

And just as scientists are adding to a growing body of evidence that humankind developed in Africa, a Hungarian excavation surrendered a *Homo sapiens* skull fragment in a context more than 600,000 years out of alignment with the accepted calendar of man's migrations across the planet. Hominid fossils unearthed in Dmanisi, Georgia, are dated at 1.77 million years old; and a hominid tooth found in Niocene deposits near the Maritsa River in Bulgaria is dated at seven million years old.

What happens to Darwinian evolution when there are such sites as the one in Australia which yielded *Homo sapiens* (modern man), *Homo erectus* (our million-year-old ancestor) and Neanderthal man (our Stone Age cousin) in what appears to be a contemporaneous environment?

Then there is the Tabun site in today's Israel where *Homo sapiens* fragments were found in strata below (which means older than) classic Neanderthal bones. In August 2007, scientists dating fossils found in Kenya challenged the conventional view that *Homo habilis* (1.44 million years) and *Homo erectus* (1.55 million years) evolved one after the other. Dating of new fossil evidence reveals that the two species lived side by side in Africa for almost half a million years.

Somewhere, in what would appear to be a biological and cultural free-for-all, there must lie the answer to that most important question: who are we?

But just as we are trying our best to fit skeletal fragments together in a manner that will be found acceptable to what we believe we know about our origins, footprints have been found in stone which, if they are what they appear to be, will make a total shambles of our

accepted evolutionary calendar. In Pershing County, Nevada, a shoeprint was found in Triassic limestone—strata indicative of 400 million years in age—in which the fossilised evidence clearly revealed finely wrought double-stitching in the seams.

Early in 1975, Dr Stanley Rhine of the University of New Mexico announced his discovery of human-like footprints in strata indicative of an age of 40 million years. A few months before, a similar find was made in Kenton, Oklahoma. At almost the same time, a discovery of a footprint in stone was revealed in north-central Wisconsin.

In Death Valley, California, there is ample fossil and skeletal evidence to indicate that the desolate area was once a tropical Garden of Eden where a race of giants lived and fed themselves with palatable foods taken from the local lakes and forests.

To speak of a race of prehistoric giants in what are now the desert sands of Death Valley is simultaneously to refute the doctrine which decrees that man is a relative newcomer to the North and South American continents. While on the one hand, new radiocarbon dates demonstrate that the Bering land bridge and the Cordilleran ice corridor were not passable until 9,000 years ago, an increasing amount of physical evidence indicates that man was surely in this hemisphere much earlier than that recent date.

For one thing, corn, an American contribution to the dinner tables of the world, is said to be, at 9,000 years, our oldest domesticated seed crop. Some agriculturist had to have been in the Americas more than 9,000 years ago in order to domesticate the seed. Ancient squash seeds, peanuts and cotton balls dated at 8,500 years old, found in Peru's Nanchoc Valley, constitute additional evidence that New World farming was well established. Conclusive proof that such ancient farmers did exist in the Americas was offered when a Humble Oil Company drill brought up Mexican corn pollen that was more than 80,000 years old.

The anomalous Indian blood seration and dentition and the geographic distribution of the American Indian demand an impossible genetic time scale in which to transform Asiatic immigrants to distinctive New World inhabitants. Even if we attempt to keep some kind of peace with the accepted theories of New World habitation, we must grant more evolution in 40,000 years in North America than that which took place in more than one million years in Europe, Africa and Asia.

Skulls found in California, which are clearly those of American Indians, have been dated at 50,000 years old. But we are left with another mystery. A 140,000-year-old American Indian-type skull (determined via metric analysis) has been found at an Iranian excavation site.

What of the lost Amerindian civilisation of Cahokia, Illinois, complete with pyramids and a great wall? One site, near the present city of St Louis, may have contained a metropolis of more than 250,000 North American Indians.

Who constructed the mysterious seven-mile walls of the Berkeley and Oakland, California, hills?

And which pre-Mayan peoples engineered an elaborate waterworks in Yucatán to irrigate crops over 2,000 years ago?

The Caracol tower at Chichén Itzá, Yucatán, is a remarkable Mesoamerican observatory that seems to have correlations with

similar sites in North America, including Mesa Verde, Wichita and Chaco Canyon.

One of the most heretical theories that I suggest in *Worlds Before Our Own* is that the cradle of civilisation might possibly have travelled from the so-called New World to the Old. Now, in December 2007, years after Ruth Shady Solís documented the ancient city of Caral, Peru, scientists have accepted the carbon dating of 2627 BCE, thereby establishing the civilisation in South America to be much older than the towns of the Harappa Valley, in today's Pakistan and western India, and the pyramids of Egypt. Caral must now be recognised as "the mother of all civilisations", the missing link of archaeology, the Mother City.

Scientific knowledge has seemingly been prized by the inhabitants of every culture, known and unknown. Rock engravings, which may be as old as 60 million years, depict in step-by-step illustrations an entire heart-transplant operation and a Caesarean section. The ancient Egyptians used the equivalent of contraceptive jelly and had urine-based pregnancy tests. The cement used in filling Mayan dental cavities still holds after 1,500

years.

No fabric is supposed to have been found until Egypt produced cloth material 5,000 years ago. How, then, can we deal with the Russian site which provides spindle whorls and patterned fabric designs more than 80,000 years old?

Not only did the ancient Babylonians appear to use sulphur matches, but they had a technology sophisticated enough to employ complex electrochemical battery cells with wiring. There is also evidence of electric batteries and electrolysis in ancient Egypt, India and Swahiland.

Remains of a metal-working factory of over 200 furnaces was found at what is now Medzamor in Russian Armenia. Although a temperature of over 1,780 degrees is required to melt platinum, some pre-Incan peoples in Peru were making objects of the metal. Even today, the process of extracting aluminium from bauxite is a complicated procedure, but Chou Chu, a famous general of the Tsin era (AD 265–316), was interred with aluminium belt fasteners on his burial costume.

Carved bones, chalk and stones, together with what would appear to be greatly ornamented "coins", have been brought up from great depths during well-drilling operations. A strange, imprinted slab was found in a coal mine; it was decorated with diamond-shaped squares with the face of an old man in each "box". In another coal mine discovery, miners found smooth, polished, concrete blocks which formed a solid wall. According to one miner's testimony, he chipped one block open only to find the standard mixture of sand and cement that makes up most typical building blocks of today. A gold necklace was found embedded in a lump of coal. A metal spike was discovered in a silver mine in Peru. An iron implement was found in a Scottish coal-bed. These are estimated to be millions of years older than man is believed to have existed. A metallic bell-shaped vessel, inlaid with a silver floral design, was blasted out of solid rock near Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Two hypotheses may explain the presence of these perplexing artifacts: (1) that they were manufactured by an advanced civilisation on Earth which, due either to natural or technological catastrophe, was destroyed before our world's own genesis; and

Rock engravings, which may be as old as 60 million years, depict in step-by-step illustrations an entire heart-transplant operation and a Caesarean section.

(2) that they are vestiges of a highly technological civilisation of extraterrestrial origin which visited this planet millions of years ago, leaving behind various artifacts.

Even if a highly advanced extraterrestrial race might have visited this planet in prehistoric times, it seems unlikely that such common, everyday items as nails, necklaces, buckles and vases would have been carried aboard a spacecraft and deposited in such widely separated areas—for such artifacts have been found in North and South America, Great Britain, the whole of Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Indications of Ancient Catastrophes

In spite of the general unpopularity of catastrophism, there does seem to be a number of recently discovered "proofs" of ancient cataclysmic changes in the Earth's crust which may account for the nearly total disappearance of these prehistoric worlds. Geological evidence indicates that these changes were both sudden and drastic, and might have completely overwhelmed and destroyed the early inhabitants and their cultures.

Perhaps the most potentially mind-boggling evidence of an advanced prehistoric technology that might have blown away its parent-culture is to be found in those sites which ostensibly bear mute evidence of prehistoric nuclear warfare.

Large areas of fused green glass and vitrified cities have been found deep in the strata of archaeological digs in: Pierrelatte in Gabon, Africa; the Euphrates Valley; the Sahara Desert; the Gobi Desert; Iraq; the Mojave Desert; Scotland; the Old and Middle Kingdoms of Egypt; and south-central Turkey. In contemporary times, such material as fused green glass has only been known at nuclear testing sites (where the sand had melted to form the substance). It is quite unsettling to some to consider it possible that these sites provide evidence of a prehistoric nuclear war. At the same time, scientists have found a number of uranium deposits that appear to have been mined or depleted in antiquity.

If it is possible that nuclear annihilation of a global civilisation did occur in prehistoric times, it seems even more urgent to learn who we really are before we find ourselves doomed to repeat the lessons left to us by a world before our own.

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EVIDENCE FOR ANCIENT NUCLEAR WAR

Then the Lord rained down fire and tar from heaven upon Sodom and Gomorrah, and utterly destroyed them...

— Genesis 19:24

My previous article in *The Canadian*, in which I reflected upon my book *Worlds Before Our Own*, provoked dozens of enquiries from readers. Some stated that one

of the cable channels—some thought it was the History Channel; others, Discovery; still others, National Geographic—had presented "proof" that the "fused green glass" to be found in various areas had been created by meteoric air blasts rather than prehistoric nuclear wars. I remain open to many theories of Earth's prehistory.

One of those individuals prompted to write to me, who had the advantage of actually having read *Worlds Before Our Own*, stated that I present "in a clear and lucid style, information concerning anomalous archeological finds without the hyperbole usually associated with this type of material".

While patches of "fused green glass" may in certain instances have been caused by air blasts from meteors, I wonder if such a natural phenomenon could have created all 28 fields of blackened and shattered stones that cover an area as large as 7,000 miles each in western Arabia. The stones are densely grouped, as if they might be the remains of cities, sharp-edged and burned black. Experts have decreed that they are not volcanic in origin, but appear to date from the period when Arabia was thought to be a lush and fruitful land that suddenly became scorched into an instant desert.

What we know today as the Sahara Desert was once a tropical region of heavy vegetation, abundant rainfall and several large rivers. Scientists have discovered areas of the desert in which soils which once knew the cultivating influence of plough and farmer are now covered by a thin layer of sand. Researchers have also found an enormous reservoir of water below the parched desert area. The source of such a large deposit of water could only have been the heavy rains from the period of time before a fiery devastation consumed the lush vegetation of the area.

On 25 December 2007, it was confirmed by a French scientist that excavations at the area of Khamis Bani Sa'ad in Tehema district of Hodeidah province in today's Yemen have yielded over a thousand rare

archaeological pieces dating back to 300,000 BCE. Before a dramatic climate change, the inhabitants at that time had been fishermen and had domesticated a number of animals no longer to be found in the region, including a species of horse currently found only in Middle Asia.

The Red Chinese have conducted atomic tests near Lob Nor Lake in the Gobi Desert which have left large patches of the area covered with vitreous sand. But the Gobi has a number of other areas of glassy sand which have been known for thousands of years.

Albion W. Hart, one of the first engineers to graduate from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, was assigned a project in the interior of Africa. While he and his men were travelling to an almost inaccessible region, they first had to cross a great expanse of desert. At the time, he was puzzled and quite unable to explain a large area of greenish glass which covered the sands as far as he could see. "Later on during his life," wrote Margarethe Casson in *Rocks and Minerals* (no. 396, 1972), "he passed by the White Sands [Nevada] area after the first atomic explosion there, and he

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recognized the same type of silica fusion which he had seen fifty years earlier in the African desert."

In 1947, in the Euphrates Valley of southern Iraq, where certain traditions place the Garden of Eden and where the ancient inhabitants of Sumer encountered the man-god Ea, exploratory digging unearthed a layer of fused green glass. Archaeologists could not restrain themselves from noting the resemblance that the several-thousand-year-old fused glass bore to the desert floor at White Sands, New Mexico, after the first nuclear blasts in modern times had melted sand and rock.

The Mojave Desert has large circular or polygonal areas that are coated with a hard substance very much like opaque glass.

Vitrified Structures, Scorched Ruins

While exploring Death Valley in 1850, William Walker claimed to have come upon the ruins of an ancient city. An end of the large building within the rubble had had its stones melted and vitrified. Walker went on to state that the entire region between the Gila and St John rivers is spotted with ruins. In each of the ancient settlements he found evidence that they had been burned out by fire intense enough to have liquefied rock. Paving blocks and stone houses had been split with huge cracks, as if seared by some gigantic cleaver of fire.

Perhaps even more than the large areas of fused green glass, I am intrigued by the evidence of vitrified cities and forts, such as those discovered by Walker.

There are ancient hill forts and towers in Scotland, Ireland and England in which the stoneworks have become calcined because of a great heat that had been applied. There is no way that lightning could have caused such effects.

Other hill forts, from the Lofoten Islands off northern Norway to the Canary Islands off northwest Africa, have become "fused forts". Erich A. von Fange commented that the "piled boulders of their circular walls have been turned to glass...by some intense heat".

Çatal Hüyük in north-central Turkey, thought to be one of the oldest cities in the world, appears, according to archaeological evidence, to have been fully civilised and then, suddenly, to have died out. Archaeologists were astonished to find thick layers of burned brick at one of the levels, called VIa. The blocks had been fused together by such intense heat that the effects had penetrated to a depth more than a metre below the level of the floors, where it carbonised the earth, the skeletal remains of the dead and the burial gifts that had been interred with them. All bacterial decay had been halted by the tremendous heat.

When a large ziggurat in Babylonia was excavated, it presented the appearance of having been struck by a terrible fire that had split it down to its foundations. In other parts of the ruins, large sections of brickwork had been scorched into a vitrified state. Several masses of brickwork had been rendered into a completely molten state. Even large boulders found near the ruins had been vitrified.

The royal buildings at the north Syrian site known as Alalakh or Atchana had been so completely burned that the very core of the thick walls was filled with bright red, crumbling mud-bricks. The mud and lime wall plaster had been vitrified and basalt wall slabs in some areas had actually melted.

Between India's Ganges River and the Rajmahal Hills are scorched ruins which contain large masses of stone that have been fused and hollowed. Certain travellers who have ventured to the heart of the Indian forests have reported ruins of cities in which the walls have become huge slabs of crystal due to some intense heat.

The ruins of the Seven Cities, located near the equator in the province of Piauí, Brazil, appear to be the scene of a monstrous chaos. Since no geological explanation has yet been construed to fit the evidence before the archaeologists, certain of those who have investigated the site have said that the manner in which the stones have been dried out, destroyed and melted provokes images of Sodom and Gomorrah.

French researchers discovered the evidence of prehistoric spontaneous nuclear reaction at the Oklo mine at Pierrelatte, Gabon. Scientists found that the ore of this mine contained abnormally low proportions of U-235, such as found only in depleted uranium fuel taken from atomic reactors. According to those who examined the mine, the ore also contained four rare elements in forms similar to those found in depleted uranium.

Although the modern world did not experience atomic power until the 1940s, there is an astonishing amount of evidence that

nuclear effects may have occurred in prehistoric times, leaving behind sand melted into glass in certain desert areas, hill forts with vitrified portions of stone walls, and the remains of ancient cities destroyed by what appears to have been extreme heat—far beyond that which could have been applied by the torches of primitive armies.

In each instance, the trained and experienced archaeologists who encountered such anomalous finds have stressed the point that none of these catastrophes had been caused by volcanoes, by lightning, by

crashing comets or by conflagrations set by humankind.

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Brad Steiger has appeared on a variety of TV and radio programs, been interviewed for numerous press articles, scripted feature films and written biographies as well as inspirational and fiction works. The syndicated television series *Could It Be A Miracle?* featured Brad and Sherry in 22 episodes.

Steiger's *Worlds Before Our Own* (which includes his new foreword for this 2007 edition), his newest book *Shadow World: True Encounters with Beings from the Darkside* (2007) and other titles including *Conspiracies and Secret Societies: The Complete Dossier* (2006; co-written with Sherry Hansen Steiger) and *Real Ghosts, Restless Spirits, and Haunted Places* (2003) are available from Amazon.com.

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UNDERGROUND BASES AND PREPARATIONS FOR PLANET X

The person who wrote this message to us did so under his own name (which we have checked), and enclosed a number of photographs of him with the Prime Minister of Norway and (separately) with Benazir Bhutto.

— Bill Ryan and Kerry Cassidy for Project Camelot, 4 January 2008, <http://projectcamelot.org>

I am a Norwegian politician. I would like to say that difficult things will happen from the year 2008 till the year 2012.

The Norwegian government is building more and more underground bases and bunkers. When asked, they simply say that it is for the protection of the people of Norway. When I enquire when they are due to be finished, they reply "before 2011". Israel is also doing the same and many other countries too.

My proof that what I am saying is true is in the photographs I have sent of myself and all the Prime Ministers and Ministers I tend to meet and am acquainted with. They know all of this, but they don't want to alarm the people or create mass panic.

Planet X is coming, and Norway has begun with storage of food and seeds in the

Svalbard area and in the Arctic north with the help of the US and EU and all around in Norway. They will only save those that are in the elite of power and those that can build up again: doctors, scientists, and so on.

As for me, I already know that I am going to leave before 2012 to go the area of Mosjøen where we have a deep underground military facility. There we are divided into sectors, red, blue and green. The signs of the Norwegian military are already given to them and the camps have already been built a long time ago.

The people that are going to be left on the surface and die along with the others will get no help whatsoever. The plan is that 2,000,000 Norwegians are going to be safe, and the rest will die...

I am very sad. Often I cry with others that know that so many will learn too late, and then it will all be over for them... All the major politicians know this in Norway, but few will say it to the people and the public—because they are afraid in case they too will miss the NOAH 12 railcars that will take them to the ark sites where they will be safe.

If they tell anyone, they are dead for sure. But I don't care any more about myself. Mankind must survive and the species must survive. People must know this.

All the governments in the world are aware of this and they just say it is going to

happen. For those of the people that can save themselves I can only say reach for higher ground and find caves up in the high places where you can have a food storage for at least five years with canned food and water to last for a while. Radiation pills and biosuits are also advisable if your budget allows it...

I could have written to you using another name but I am not afraid of anything any more. When you know certain things, you become invincible and no harm can come to you when you know that the end is soon...

Remember that those who are going to be in and around the city areas in 2012 are those that are going to be hit first and die first. Later the army will purge the rest of the survivors and they have a shoot-to-kill order if there is any resistance to bring them into the camps where everyone will get marked with a number and a tag...

The public will not know what happens till the very end, because the government does not want to create mass panic. Everything will happen quietly and the government will just disappear...

Kind regards

[Name and proof of identity supplied]

Selected extracts from further emails:

When I was in the military I was in the [name of service given]. At one point we were given a task to get something out of a

base and deliver it to another base.

We were told: "Do not ask any questions. Just do your job."

Later, when we landed outside the base, we were taken by trucks to outside the base where there were large doors heavily guarded by other military personnel.

Or it seemed like they were military, but they had different suits on them: orange and black suits with the orange suits having a golden triangle on them and the black suits having a green triangle...

We went through the large doors. I was thinking, "What the hell is this?", and I felt a bit scared at first. It was like something out of a science fiction movie. This was the first time I was in such a base.

We then came to a 500-metre-long tunnel and there were more of these military personnel waiting with guns and transport for us. We were divided up in groups. Some went another way, and I and my group were asked to come with the black-suited guards so they could take us to another location. When we came to the end we were asked to put on some masks "for our own protection".

I was thinking, "for our own protection": "Aren't we already protected by being inside this huge underground complex and by guards with weapons?"

We were then asked to step inside a railcar—and this is what I know of the railcars. They are run by some kind of blue crystal energy, I think, or at least that is how it appeared. Then we sat in the cars and I asked one of the guards, "What is this?" He replied, "You don't need to know this, sir..."

I could see that there was a tube-like system and the other railcars were going so fast you just saw a light going by. I think this was a vacuum tube system where there is no drag. There were a lot of these railcars around, as it seemed, and they just went passing by, like a light passes by in a flash.

Later on, after I went into politics, I found out what was inside of the rest of the base and what the bases are for, which I have already told you. I know that when this railcar moved—and it moved *fast*—I had never seen anything like this before. Later when we arrived at the end station I was feeling sick, and the other people that were there also felt the same way. One of the guards said it happens the first time to everyone.

When we came outside we were given goggles and asked to go through a security check. This is where it all gets weird.

There were guards with weapons all over

the place—and remember I told you about the energy fields that one has to go through. I was thinking, "I should not be here at this place," and I was a little scared.

Then we got through this energy field and came to another room. I saw that there was a screen on the side of the wall that said "HUMAN — NOT HUMAN — PURE — NOT PURE".

After I saw this I was thinking, "Are there 'NOT HUMANS' too?"

The guards stopped us and told us to change clothes inside another room and come with them. When we had done so they said that it was time to go further down. Again, I was thinking, "How large is this place? We just came out of a rail system that runs for miles and miles—and then there is more?"

We were then taken to a lift system, with seats, that was going to take us down—or this is what I thought it was going to do. But it went sideways for about three minutes. In this place, time was not known to me because we had no way of telling what the time was. They had taken everything away from us at the check-ins...

All I can say is that when our job was done I was thinking that the world is not as it seems to be, and that many things are hidden from the public. It makes me sad and scared.

Later, when I got into politics, I began digging into this because I needed more answers. What I found out was that these bases were Arks for the government and some of the people and military to survive inside. There was a threat from outside

that was going to be in the year 2012 and that the human species had to survive.

The "Planet X" I learned about is from all [of] what I have seen till now. The government knows this and [is] keeping it from the public. They have been tracking this object for a long time now and were given the first warnings from the USA.

I know that 18 bases exist in Norway. I don't know what many of the dangers are because I am not a scientist. But what I know is that before 2012 the different governments are going to leave for the bases that they have built for the last 40 or 50 years.

If this object goes by, there will be a lot of problems on the surface of the Earth. That is all I know. This is why they go underground.

If such an event comes, they have made sure that five years or more underground is going to be what they need to avoid this. When they know it's safe to surface, they will rebuild again. We were just told that we have to leave before 2012 and that there is something in space that is going to cause much destruction.

I don't know if there is a threat from the sun itself. I am not so much into the science of things. I am just telling what I have seen and nothing more.

I can say that I have already said too much, but the people are now warned about this...

Kind regards
[Name supplied]

[For the complete transcript, go to <http://projectcamelot.org/norway.html>.]





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BOOKS

Reviewed by Ruth Parnell

LOST LANDS, FORGOTTEN REALMS by Dr Bob Curran

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Captivation with lands and places beyond the horizon—the next town, continent or even planet—has been part of humanity's outlook since time immemorial. Irish psychologist and historian Dr Bob Curran brings the legends alive in *Lost Lands, Forgotten Realms*; some of these mysterious places have been discovered, but others remain undiscovered or only appear to the locals every once in a while, such as the romanticised Scottish village of Brigadoon.

In this fascinating encyclopaedia of "places that time forgot", Dr Curran regales us with tales of the better-known mythical lands such as Atlantis, Avalon, Shangri-La and Lemuria as well as lesser-known secret lands. For instance, there's Hy-Brasil (perhaps an extension of the Celtic Underworld), the sunken land of Lyonesse (said to be located between the tip of Cornwall and the Scilly Isles in the English Channel), and Hyperborea (the furthest northerly point in the world, according to the ancient Greeks).

There are stories of subterranean worlds peopled by survivors from disasters such as the Great Flood who fled into the underground for safety. These are sourced from a variety of cultures including Semitic, Greek, Assyrian and Roman. There's a selection of tales about what's to be found in the cave systems of California's Monterey Peninsula (an intact Viking boat, for instance), in the

elusive "St Martin's Land" in Suffolk, England (with strange visitors and green-coloured children), and near Monte Alban in Oaxaca, Mexico ("The Cavern of Death", which local Indians refuse to enter).

Dr Curran concludes that many legendary places may well be rooted in historical and geographical fact, but others have been given colour and mystique by the human imagination. Even if they don't exist outside the human mind, they are part of our culture and our relationship with the wider world. The haunting b&w illustrations by Ian Daniels are a fitting aid to visualisation.

THE JOURNEY OF ROBERT MONROE

by Ronald Russell

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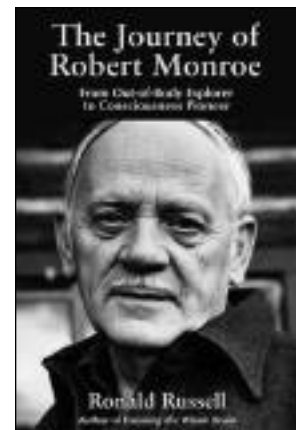
One of the great 20th-century researchers into consciousness came not from an academic or scientific background but from the world of writing and producing for radio in New York City and owning a broadcasting station in Virginia. Robert Monroe (1915–1995) happened by chance at the age of 42 to have an out-of-body experience that changed his life, and he was eventually compelled to make sense of the experience.

Monroe went on to explore his inner world and wrote about these experiences in his pioneering book *Journeys Out of the Body*, published in 1971 but based on his work between 1958 and 1963. He is also renowned for his Hemi-Sync audio technology, which utilises selected sound frequencies to induce altered states. He set up his now-famous institute and inspired many thousands of people to find their inner spirit

and explore realms beyond the known.

Twelve years after Monroe's death comes a new biography by Ronald Russell, an Englishman who met Monroe in 1986 and along with his wife Jill became a member of the Monroe Institute's advisory board. Russell gives a no-holds-barred account of Bob Monroe the man, his life and achievements, along with glimpses into his sometimes brusque personality—for instance, with his intransigence over planning a "New Land" community. The reflective foreword is by fellow consciousness researcher Dr Charles Tart, who met Monroe in 1965 and stayed a close friend to the end.

Of course, Monroe the visionary is the image that retains the greatest hold on the public imagination, and Russell puts due emphasis on the various programs such as Explorers, Guidelines and Lifeline and on the many personalities who were part of the grand adventure. To Russell, Monroe's journey was that of a hero who left behind a legacy that continues to enrich humanity.



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TEN YEARS: An incredible true story of corruption, injustice and the triumph of the human spirit by Roseanne Catt

Elvis Press, Australia, 2007 reprint (first pub. by Pan Macmillan, Sydney, 2005) ISBN 978-0-9756746-5-9 (325pp tpb) Available: www.justice4roseanne.com

This is the gripping, disturbing story of an innocent, caring woman's victimisation at the hands of her violent, foul-mouthed, manic-depressive husband, certain corrupt members of the New South Wales police force, the Crown judiciary and the correctional system, elements of the mass media and even the children she tried to protect from sexual and physical abuse by their father and possibly other perpetrators.

Roseanne Catt was framed for allegedly trying to poison her husband Barry Catt, and in 1991 she was sentenced to 12 years in prison. It was such an outrageous miscarriage of justice, and the malicious people who managed to plant false evidence in her home and engineer her trial and incarceration lied bold-faced to the court and got away with it. As well as Barry Catt (he was never poisoned or killed), the chief stand-over merchants were one Detective-Sergeant Peter Thomas and his accomplice Adrian Newell, and none has been brought to justice. All sorts of sordid secrets were being covered up in Taree, NSW, it seems.

Fortunately for Roseanne, a group of relatives, friends, supporters and *pro bono* lawyers, helped along by an exposé by ABC TV's *Four Corners*, managed to secure her release in 2001 on special bail. What ensued was an 18-month judicial enquiry and hearings that resulted in a report in favour of Roseanne delivered to the Court of

Criminal Appeal in late 2004.

The story ends with Roseanne waiting to be vindicated in the eyes of the law, let alone compensated for her suffering. It's a well-written tale of courage against the odds, the power of the human spirit and the quest for justice. It's all the more frightening when you consider that such appalling treatment as this could happen to just about anyone. Visit Roseanne Catt's website (www.justice4roseanne.com) for updates on her case and insights into official corruption.

THE COSMIC WAR: Interplanetary Warfare, Modern Physics and Ancient Texts by Joseph P. Farrell

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While taking in evidence amassed by frontier scientists which suggests that Earth and our solar system have been subjected to cataclysmic events, Joseph P. Farrell hypothesises that such events could have been the result of cosmic warfare.

Author of the *Giza Death Star* series (see reviews, 11/02 and 13/01), Farrell posits that an ancient interplanetary war was fought aeons ago in our own solar system by means of highly advanced technology. Considering the exploded planet hypothesis of Tom van Flandern (which he dates to 3.2 million years ago), the scalar physics of Tom Bearden and the plasma physics of Hannes Alfvén and others, Farrell investigates the mechanism by which a planet could actually be exploded and could leave a belt of debris such as the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, place of a gigantic planet that according to Bode's law should have existed.

Ancient texts from Mesopotamia and Egypt inspire Farrell in his mission, as does evidence that the Nazis and even the French, British and Americans in more recent times have sought to discover and capitalise on artefacts in modern-day Iraq—artefacts that may describe ancient cosmic catastrophes involving high-tech weaponry, as hinted at in the fabled "Tablets of Destinies" attributed to the Egyptian god Thoth. The work of Dr Paul LaViolette informs Farrell's ideas, in that supernovae might have been purposely engineered by an advanced ET civilisation, as does that of Cremona and Thompson into the antiquity of humanity.

Reading this book, we're encouraged to reconsider everything in our local cosmos, from the placement of our Moon to Mars being a former moon of this legendary exploded planet. We're also asked to look at the possibility of occult missions to nearby cosmic bodies and the findings from remote viewing sessions. However crazy these ideas may seem, they're worth exploring.





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STARWALKERS AND THE DIMENSION OF THE BLESSED

by William Henry

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Common to ancient cultures and mythologies including the Egyptian, Sumerian, Vedic, Mayan and Canaanite is the idea of the "Dimension of the Blessed", accessible via the "Field of Reeds", a doorway to a higher dimension of light. This doorway is a form of stargate through which "Starwalkers" or interdimensional beings travel to and from our earthly world, says William Henry in his new book which follows on from his *Cloak of the Illuminati* and *Oracle of the Illuminati* (see 11/03, 13/02).

Furthermore, Henry maintains that we are all potential Starwalkers, for our bodies have the inherent potential to interface with this higher dimension. The fact that humans are becoming galactic beings by "inserting" ourselves into space marks a return to the ancient recognition that the divine is within us. Moreover, the Large Hadron Collider, soon to go online near Geneva, is a type of time machine that will explore the "new dimensionality" of the periodic system and connect our 3D world with extra dimensions in a way that the "ancient blessed ones" did in exercising their mythic powers. This so-called "ring of truth" may even prove that we come from another dimension.

Henry uses his knowledge of etymology and symbology to show that the sages and shamans were describing the same truths about the physical cosmos and the hidden, spiritual cosmos; e.g., in Egypt, the reed was a symbol for knowledge and a tool of ascension as well as for writing and recording; the

Djed reed pillar was symbolic of a stairway to heaven, and the reed boat design may have represented a wormhole with entry and exit points for "starwalking" adepts.

Drawing on the mythological studies of Laurence Gardner, Zecharia Sitchin, John Allegro and Robert Temple, among many, and the frontier scientific findings of Paul LaViolette, Jeremy Narby, David Talbott and Wal Thornhill, Henry shows that access to higher, blessed realms is possible and, indeed, is our destiny. Compelling stuff!

SACRED SYMBOLS OF THE DOGON

by Laird Scranton

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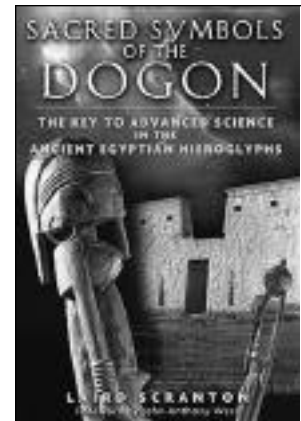
This extraordinary analysis of the similarities between the Dogon tribe of Mali, West Africa, and the ancient Egyptians comes out of left-of-field from software designer Laird Scranton, who has diverted his skills into the study of mythology, symbology and science. *Sacred Symbols of the Dogon* is the sequel to *The Science of the Dogon*, first published in a limited edition as *Hidden Meanings* (see NEXUS 11/01), and includes a supportive foreword by independent Egyptologist John Anthony West.

Scranton utilises findings from research conducted in the 1930s–50s by French anthropologists Marcel Griaule and Germaine Dieterlen, which details exoteric and esoteric aspects of the Dogon world view, and from Genevieve Calame-Griaule's dictionary of the Dogon language. He also reassesses the hieroglyphic translations of E. A. Wallis Budge, regarding these as extremely relevant to the Dogon language.

The Dogon people have no written lan-

guage but their symbols and spoken words have remarkable correspondences with ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs, pronunciations and meanings. Dogon cosmology, Scranton says, delineates the evolution of the structure of matter with formative elements of "unformed" waves, perception, vibration/mass, Calabi–Yau space (wrapped bundles at every point of space-time), string intersections, membranes, quarks, protons/neutrons/electrons and atoms. These states are represented in Dogon ideographs and language and have their counterparts in Egyptian hieroglyphs and keywords—a case of formative influences due to awareness of scientific reality, not of gods.

As well, Scranton has determined that the design of the all-important Dogon granary has strong symbolic associations with the *stupa* of Buddhist tradition. Being of pre-pyramidal design, the granary speaks of an association with the Amazigh peoples who preceded the First Dynasty Egyptians. An exciting thesis to make us all think.



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PEAK EVERYTHING

by Richard Heinberg

Clairview Books, UK, 2007 (1st pub. by New Society Publishers, Canada, 2007)
ISBN 978-1-905570-13-3 (212pp tpb)
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In *Peak Everything*, Richard Heinberg continues many of the themes he tackled in *The Party's Over*, *Powerdown* and *The Oil Depletion Protocol* (see NEXUS 10/04, 12/05, 14/02). He says that in the early 21st century we're faced with decline in crucial areas and thus must make practical, psychological and cultural changes urgently if we're to make a graceful transition from excess to restraint. These crucial areas under threat include non-renewable energy resources (oil, natural gas, coal), minerals and ores, economic growth, agriculture and fisheries, fresh water supply and climate stability.

Our world is changing and can't keep up with our greed; so if we don't adapt, we can expect more wars and famines. Best, then, to highlight attributes that are *not* near their historical peaks, such as community, personal autonomy, cooperation and ingenuity, says Heinberg in his introduction.

This compilation of essays, often inspired by Heinberg's involvement in conversations, conferences and groups, is divided into three sections: technology, agriculture and the arts; nature's limits and the human condition; and the end of one era, the beginning of another. In his "Fifty Million Farmers", a speech he gave to the E. F. Schumacher Society, he calls for the de-industrialisation of agriculture, analyses Cuba's post-Soviet experience, and proposes local sustainable solutions such as backyard vegetable gardens (recalling the "Victory Gardens" project in the USA in WWII) and permaculture-

based communities. In "Five Axioms of Sustainability", Heinberg discusses the history and misuse of the terms "sustainable" and "sustainability" and presents five "self-evident truths", e.g., "to be sustainable, the use of *renewable* resources must proceed at a rate that is less than or equal to the rate of natural replenishment". In "Bridging Peak Oil and Climate Change Activism", he encourages depletion and emissions activists to cooperate on policy goals, so that energy efficiency and curtailment become the dominant responses to the problem of our fossil-fuel dependency. A clarion call to action.

ANIMAL PHARM

by Mark Purdey

edited by Nigel Purdey

Clairview Books, East Sussex, UK, 2007
ISBN 978-1-905570-11-9 (282pp tpb)
Available: www.clairviewbooks.com

It's a tragedy that organic farmer, father of eight and voracious researcher Mark Purdey, born in 1953, died so young (of a brain tumour in November 2006)—and just as many of his findings about TSEs (transmissible spongiform encephalopathies like BSE and CJD) were starting to be acknowledged in the scientific literature.

Mark Purdey had been planning to write a book and, indeed, wrote many articles that could have been the basis thereof (see NEXUS 10/03-04), but he died before he could complete the task. His older brother Neil Purdey leapt in to fill the gap, to ensure that Mark's groundwork is on the record and to honour the memory of a man of integrity, original thinking and commitment. In his introduction, he gives insights into what made Mark the unique human being he was.

Mark Purdey's run-ins with government

bureaucracies and the scientific orthodoxy started in 1984 when he refused to use a mandated, toxic, organophosphate pesticide on his dairy herd to control warble fly infestation. In time, he started to question whether the insecticide could have sparked the spread of "mad cow disease". His research domain spread from his farm to the world, where he visited regions with high TSE rates. He continued to refine his theory to include rogue silicate microcrystals entering the brain, and the role of high-intensity low-frequency infrasonic shock (e.g., from quarry explosions and low-flying supersonic aircraft) as a co-factor in TSE transmission. His journey is well documented here and includes coverage of his visit to Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria, Australia, to investigate Groote syndrome affecting the Aboriginal population, which he put down to manganese contamination.

This one man has helped create a paradigm shift in our understanding of how pollutants have a detrimental effect on health.





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ISAAC NEWTON'S FREEMASONRY by Alain Bauer

Inner Traditions, Rochester, USA, 2007
(originally pub. by Editions Dervy, 2003)
ISBN 978-1-59477-172-9 (146pp tpb)
Available: www.InnerTraditions.com

The establishment of speculative Freemasonry in England in the 17th century was due in large part to groupings of scientists and philosophers who wanted to free themselves from the anti-progressive clutches of organised religions and religious conflicts. Among them was Sir Isaac Newton, who presided over the Royal Society for 25 years from 1703 to 1727. This institution was born in 1660, and many of its members were Freemasons as well as leading lights in the Enlightenment era of spiritual and intellectual freedom.

Here, French historian Alain Bauer, Grand Master of the Grand Orient Lodge of France, reviews the history and origins of operative and speculative Freemasonry in England and points out where so many other authors over the centuries have erred in their interpretations. His book was published in French in 2003 and was recently translated into English. The foreword is provided by Michel Barat, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of France, who supports the notion that the first Freemasons sought to comprehend nature, the world and society and to promote freedom of the spirit. The afterword is by Roger Dachez, president of the Masonic Institute of France, who reiterates that it is a myth that speculative masonry derived from operative freemasons, as in the mediaeval cathedral builders.

Bauer suggests that speculative masonry was established in the early 1700s with the goal of replacing religious debate with scientific debate and with a view to creating a progressive society. It was rooted in the ancient Hermetic tradition, which included alchemy—a particular interest of Newton. The codification of masonic rites enabled masons to travel, recognise each other, visit other lodges and communicate their level of advancement on the masonic path.

This is just a brief overview of a tradition that still exerts an influence in our day.

THE MYSTERY OF 2012: Predictions, Prophecies & Possibilities by various contributors

Sounds True, Boulder, CO, USA, 2007
ISBN 978-1-59179-611-4 (420pp hc)
Available: www.soundstrue.com

The year 2012 holds many portents for both good and ill if the predictions and prophecies about it are any guide. This anthology of essays, interview records and book excerpts is compiled and introduced by Sounds True publisher Tami Simon, who

also provides perspective at the beginning of each contribution. Her interest in "the mystery of 2012" was sparked when she interviewed Mayan calendar expert José Argüelles at the time of the 1987 Harmonic Convergence—the start of the 25-year countdown to 2012, the end of the Great Cycle according to the Mayan calendar. Part of that interview is included here.

It seems that we could be in for a ramp-up in human evolution and/or for catastrophes affecting the solar system along with our planet at this tipping point. The Maya apparently pointed to an event where on the solstice of 21 December 2012, our Sun lines up with the equator of the Milky Way galaxy—a once in 26,000 years event. Scientist/philosopher Gregg Braden sets the tone in his opening essay, "Choice Point 2012: Our Date with the Window of Emergence", and looks at how shifts in the Earth's magnetic field can affect us and, indeed, have affected humanity in the past.

Essays on the Mayan cosmivision in the first part are from John Major Jenkins, Argüelles, Carl Johan Calleman as well as Robert Sitler, who presents a sceptical view and questions how much of the 2012 "hub-bub" is actually rooted in historical findings.



The second part, covering science, business and politics, includes essays from Ervin Laszlo on "The Birthing of a New World" and Jay Weidner on "The Alchemy of Time". Part three takes in spirituality and symbolism, with Lawrence E. Joseph on the "Bible Code" and Sharron Rose on "2012, Galactic Alignment and the Great Goddess"; the Egyptian goddess Isis, in this case.

The final part considers humanity's evolutionary prospects, with wisdom from visionary Jean Houston on "Jump Time", ecologist Joanna Macy on the "Great Turning" and James O'Dea, of the Institute of Noetic Sciences, who says 2012 is our "pay date" and we were "born for such a time as this".

Shift may well happen, and this collection sheds much light on this enigmatic date.

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UNDERSTANDING HUMANS, ETs & THE AWAKENING OF THE PLANETARY MIND

by Gary Opit

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5466, email garyopit@bigpond.com

In his self-published book, biologist Gary Opit advocates taking a multidisciplinary approach if we want to understand ourselves and our place in the universe. This understanding must also take into account the possibility of extraterrestrial life-forms, and Opit discusses numerous UFO and ET sightings—the eyewitnesses covering the gamut from top-level military personnel to Australian Aborigines in the desert.

Opit reviews the latest findings on planets outside our solar system and conjectures about what is required to support the evolution of life over extreme lengths of time. He



also explains how conditions on Earth seem to have been set up to promote the development of life; even the size, make-up and placement of the Moon relative to the Earth and, indeed, the tilt of our planet are conducive to the promotion of life—as if by some cosmically designed plan.

We're all part of one universal ecosystem, so it's natural to ask whether life exists elsewhere, says Opit (an occasional contributor to NEXUS; see 6/05, 9/01). If we consider the human organism, we have to admit that it is colonised by a vast array of symbiotic micro-organisms that are essential to our survival; so, again, we must know our place.

So, what might other intelligent life-forms look like? Going on contact reports of a range of extraterrestrial beings, Opit has classified these according to zoological terminologies; the family Juxtahominidae includes Elegant Humanoid (*Pseudohomo concinnus*), recorded in California in 1896, and Roswell Humanoid (*Homoides roswellensis*), seen at Roswell, New Mexico,

in 1947. Some creatures belong to orders and families not yet classifiable, e.g., Lizard Man (*Reptilishomo viridis*), reported in Missouri in 1983, and Mantis (*Doctagryllus tegimen*), an armoured insectoid species seen in Maryland in 1973.

By these accounts, the universe is indeed a strange, diverse place that should inspire us to be curious, not dismissive. Opit does his bit to encourage us to open our minds to ourselves and to other possibilities.

"THINGS" AND MORE "THINGS"

by Ivan T. Sanderson

Adventures Unlimited Press, USA, 2007
(first published in 1967 and 1969)
ISBN 978-1-931882-78-1 (380pp tpb)
Available: adventuresunlimitedpress.com

Naturalist and explorer Ivan T. Sanderson regarded himself as a true Fortean—someone aligned with Charles T. Fort's worldview that one should investigate things scientifically but without believing what anybody else says, not caring what they say and having a good chuckle at a lot of what they do say. This book, "Things" and More "Things", is a reprint of two of Sanderson's books published in 1967 and 1969 and, coming as they did towards the end of his life, they recount some of the weirdest "things" he came across in his research.

These so-called "things", for want of a better word, he admits, he categorises under headings of Live Things, Dead Things, Man Things, Funny Things and Nasty Things. In the first book he considers the evidence for and investigation of "Globsters" (unknown marine creatures or whale blubber?), lake monsters and giant eels, the ringing rocks of Pennsylvania and the stone spheres of Costa Rica, unusual hominids such as the Toonijuk of Eskimo legend, UFO "nests" and oceanic light wheels; flying rocks in the San Bernadino Valley, California; and the phenomenon of suspended animation.

In the second book he discusses the "neodinosauers" of Africa, people who are said to walk underwater, frozen mammoths, Bermuda Triangle disappearances and mass hallucinations, among other things.

Sanderson categorises "things" as established facts/theories/concepts; accepted things that are not yet explained; reported facts/objects whose existence cannot be denied but appear illogical or inexplicable; alleged events/things that can be denied and for which there is no known explanation; and others, i.e., nonmaterial things that defy explanation. He treats all these presented cases with an open mind in the spirit of inquiry, as well as with his wit and disbelief where appropriate, having a go, too, at the Establishment's weapon called "The Wipe". An informative and entertaining read.



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TEARS IN HEAVEN

by Ian Ross Vayro

Joshua Books, Buddina, Qld, 2007
ISBN 978-0-9804101-0-5 (507pp tpb)
Available: <http://www.joshuabooks.com>

The angels *should* be weeping in Heaven, knowing that "dark forces" have not only infiltrated our world but have created the very religious and secular institutions that keep humanity enslaved by fear, guilt and illogical, irrational belief systems. Hot on the heels of *God Save Us From Religion* and *They Lied to Us in Sunday School* (15/01 and 13/06) come more startling revelations from independent researcher Ian Ross Vayro. While not wanting to offend devout people who lead good lives and help others, Vayro is adamant that institution-alised religion is rotten to the core, and it's a rot that set in *more than* 2,000 years ago.

As usual, the lust for power and wealth is at the centre and it was epitomised in Rome with centuries of the Piso family's influence



from the time of Julius Caesar. The Roman Senate and the Empire itself were threatened by the rise of Judaism and its faithful who would do away with the slavery system that was intrinsic to the running of the Empire. Vayro says the Pisos enacted their plan to rewrite/rework the Old Testament, forcing the Jews to accept a revised messianic version of their holy texts, and to create books for a fabricated New Testament that was later officially adopted at the fourth-century Council of Nicaea. Utilising tenets of the Egyptian Sun God religion, they created a new state religion to stabilise the Empire. Members of the family included Arius Calpurnius Piso, who between AD 70 and 90 wrote the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and the epistles of Paul and apparently also wrote under the pen name of the Roman historian Josephus! This New Testament fraud was readily adopted by the new Church of Rome, says Vayro.

Seeing the Church as an entity founded and run by the shadowy Illuminati, Vayro

maintains that those same dark forces are enslaving us in a New World Order. The façade of the Vatican is falling apart under the weight of its own lies and deceptions, Vayro purports in this stunning exposé.

THE PAPAL BILLIONS

by Tony Bushby

Joshua Books, Buddina, Qld, 2007
ISBN 978-0-9804101-1-2 (248pp tpb)
Available: <http://www.joshuabooks.com>

For an institution founded on the back of a god-man who lived in poverty, we have to wonder how the (Roman) Catholic Church has amassed riches to surpass those of today's largest global corporations. In *The Papal Billions*, Tony Bushby (*The Bible Fraud* and *The Secret in the Bible*; 8/06, 11/02) says that when Emperor Constantine set up the Roman Church in the fourth century he appointed Simon of Petra as the first Bishop of Rome (contrary to the usual story placing him as St Peter in the first century) and instructed him and the new clergy to fleece the masses of their material wealth. This edict still holds sway, says Bushby, and over the centuries the Church continued to amass wealth—when it wasn't spending it, or losing it at the hands of heathen forces.

From the creation of the Papal States, fake places of pilgrimage and indulgences to dividing up the New World for its spoils and purloining the property of religious and secular rivals, the so-called Holy See has a sordid history of creating money-spinners which is at odds with its public preaching.

In the 19th century, with the loss of the Papal States, the Church in Europe was nearly financially ruined but in America it had joined the billionaires' club. The modern era of wealth creation began in 1929, after the signing of the Lateran Treaty with Italy, when Pope Pius XI gave his blessing to creating a money-making machine from investments in the secular world including in war-related industries and real estate speculation (within a decade becoming again the largest landowner in Rome). The Church's financial division turned its sights on global domination but was careful to disguise most of its holdings from the laity.

The Vatican Bank and insider gold trading scandals aside and notwithstanding the Church's priceless artworks, treasures and archives, the Vatican's fortune defies rational assessment, Bushby claims. It's a shame that a definitive list of its assets is impossible to compile, but the Pope himself may be worth at least US\$2,500 billion and the Church must be a trillion-dollar affair. For what purpose are these riches being accumulated and where's the benefit for the people? Bushby makes it clear that moral bankruptcy is at the heart of this wealth grab.

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DVDs

Compiled by Duncan Roads

THE SILENT REVOLUTION OF TRUTH

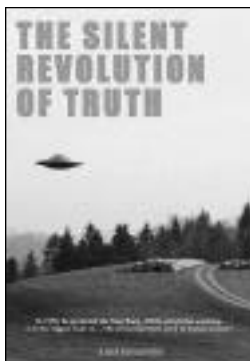
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Available: <http://www.theyfly.com>

The story of 71-year-old Billy Meier is more than just one of UFO pictures and visitations. His personal history is one that Indiana Jones himself would be hard pressed to live up to.

Whether it is meeting extraterrestrials at age five (back in 1942), joining and later escaping the French Foreign Legion, working in dozens of countries, meeting a 22-year-old Saddam Hussein, working at ashrams in India, hunting down serial killers for Turkish authorities, discovering ancient Aramaic scrolls in Jerusalem based only on information sent to him telepathically or surviving 21 assassination attempts, it is clear that Meier demands the attention of anyone seeking to understand the "big picture".

This is a professionally produced documentary. You learn much about Billy Meier and his past, and you see footage of people who can verify many of Billy's claims. I guarantee that even *any* veteran NEXUS reader will be amazed at some of the information in this documentary.

Highly thought-provoking!



SECRET MYSTERIES OF AMERICA'S BEGINNINGS:

Volume 1 – The New Atlantis

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Available: <http://www.cuttingedge.org>

This three-hour documentary unfolds the hidden history behind the founding of America and exposes the esoteric underbelly of its design. It asks some intriguing questions. Why is Washington, DC, built on the 77th meridian? Are the Revolutionary War cities (Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, DC) really built in perfect alignment with Stonehenge?



Sir Francis Bacon was at the helm of such societies as the leader of the Rosicrucians and first Grand Master of modern Freemasonry. As such, he is considered by some to be the true founder of America. For centuries controversy has surrounded this man, reputed to be the illegitimate son of Queen Elizabeth I and the real author behind the plays attributed to William Shakespeare.

Ley lines, masonic geometry, secret societies, historical conspiracies and more abound in this doco-fest!

SECRET MYSTERIES OF AMERICA'S BEGINNINGS:

Volume 2 – Riddles In Stone

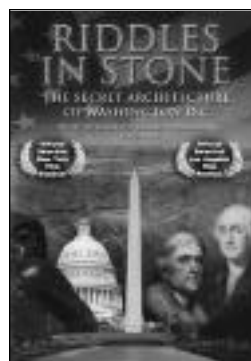
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Part two of this *Secret Mysteries...* series explores the highly controversial subject of America's capital, Washington, DC. Was the city built to reflect the majesty of American freedom, or the hidden agenda of secret societies? With every major cornerstone laid by Freemasons, was the city built in a Masonic pattern?

In this volume, the producers interview experts from both sides of the debate. They pose such questions as: Was Washington, DC, laid out according to the pattern of the stars? Is there really a pentagram in the street layout north of the White House? Does a masonic square and compass extend from the Capitol Building to the Washington Monument? And why is the city filled with zodiac symbols, mysterious faces and various god and goddess images?

Be aware that the producers of this series are committed Christians who automatically seem to assume that Freemasons, and all secret societies, are opposed to Christ and his teachings and are engaged in bringing in a New World Order, etc., etc.

However, they do dig up and present some interesting information—such as the sacred geometry embedded in the designs of cities—in this lengthy but well-produced and watchable production.





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MUSIC

Reviewed by Richard Giles

URBAN MANTRA by various artists

Music Mosaic, 2007 (2CDs, 119mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—Brumby, tel (03) 9761 5535; <http://www.music-mosaic.com>; **UK**—Sounds Travel, tel 01242 571659; **Germany**—Silenzio, tel +49 (0)180 5091301; **USA**—White Swan, tel (303) 527 0770

Music Mosaic is an Australian company having great success with compilations of inspiring world fusion music from all cultural traditions. CD 1, "Vitality", contains tracks from Prem Joshua, Larias Stow, Chloe Goodchild, Gabrielle Roth and more; these are the active energy mantras. CD 2, "Essence", has tracks from Deva Premal, Sacred Earth, Dya Singh, Azar Baksh, the record producer Ariel Kalma and more. Each mantra expresses something from a different culture. Collectively these mantras create a peaceful, heartfelt relaxation space.

THINK GLOBAL: WOMEN OF AFRICA by various artists

World Music Network (with Oxfam), UK, 2007 (60mins)
Distributors: **Aust**—MRA, tel (07) 3849 6020; **UK**—WMN, tel 020 7498 5252, website <http://www.worldmusic.net>

Women in Africa are in a position where they need to express themselves but have a great many cultural and political processes working against them. Oxfam has united with World Music Network to bring some of these voices of female independence to the public ear. Names such as Oumou Sangare, Gigi, Rokia Traoré, Mariem Hassan and Miriam Makeba all stand out on this staggering collection.

SOUL IN WONDER by Miten with Deva Premal

Silenzio Music, 2007 (52mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—Brumby Music, tel (03) 9761 5535; **Germany**—Silenzio Music, tel +49 (0)180 5091301; **USA**—Prabhu Music, tel 415 331 8273, website <http://www.prabhumusic.net>; also see <http://www.DevaPremalMiten.com>

Miten, accompanied by Deva Premal with her divine vocals, is a seasoned artist at the peak of his poetic powers. His tales of meditation, acceptance and revelation are enhanced by the bansuri flute of Manose, along with kora, slide guitar, violin, mandolin and Hammond organ. There are attractive covers of Van Morrison, Peter Makena and Mississippi Fred McDowell songs, plus Miten's heartfelt compositions

such as "Humaniversal". Groove mingles with the incense smoke and banyan trees of India on this warm, soul album.

ZARAMBEQUES by Armoniosi Concerti with Juan Carlos Rivera
Harmonia Mundi, Spain, 2006 (74mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—Select Audio, tel (02) 8966 3307; **Germany**—Harmonia Mundi, tel +49 (0)711 2567671; **USA**—Harmonia Mundi; <http://www.worldvillagemusic.com>

The music of an earlier Spain is captured on this superb album, whose name comes from "the rowdy and lively strumming and dancing" that was a prominent feature of 18th-century Spanish theatre. Juan Carlos Rivera, together with three guitarists and a cellist, has created an exquisite production of 17th- and 18th-century Spanish Baroque music. This is beautifully performed, full of cross-rhythm sounds with a touch of the Spanish court and guitar as the central instrument. Outstanding album.

NA AFRIKI by Dobet Gnahoré
Cumbancha Music, USA, 2007 (54mins)
Distributors: **Australia**—MRA, tel (07) 3849 6020; **UK**—Putumayo, tel 07759 600 495; **USA**—Cumbancha, tel (802) 425 2118, <http://www.cumbancha.com>

Dobet Gnahoré, from Ivory Coast, is a powerful new voice amongst contemporary African musicians and has great appeal for world music audiences. On *Na Afriki* ("To Africa") she sings in eight languages representing the length and breadth of the continent. This is a truly pan-African album, not just in choice of languages but in its lyrical themes. With her husband and collaborator Colin Laroche de Féline, Dobet has composed 15 tracks that examine contemporary African life. She reaches beyond her own country to speak directly to the rest of the continent, breaking new ground for African popular music. A passionate voice, whether with a ballad or an upbeat groove.



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Information for medical practitioners should be provided by an independent and impartial body.

3. Except for unethical conduct according to society's general standards, make it illegal for medical associations to restrict the therapies used by their members.

4. Afford qualified practitioners of natural medicine the same recognition and opportunities as in drug medicine, including in hospitals, rehabilitation, research and publications, health departments and regulating authorities.

So far, our medical and economic leaders do not want to face reality. They brainwash the public into believing that the present health situation is completely normal. Importantly, the whole economic structure of western civilisation is based on the production and distribution of goods and services that are contributing to poor health. This system includes chemicalised agriculture and food processing, the pharmaceutical industry, technological medicine and the petrochemical and plastics industries.

The guiding motto for industry is "profit", while for the consumer it is "convenience". The price for all to pay is the loss of health. This situation is the natural outcome of a society based on selfish motivation. A change for the better can only come when more and more people realise that ultimately they harm themselves with selfish attitudes, and when they start electing leaders who are prepared to act in a compassionate and cooperative way in the interest of the whole society. We get what we choose: natural health or enduring drug management.

About the Author:

Walter Last worked as a biochemist and research chemist in the medical departments of several German universities and at Bio-Science Laboratories in Los Angeles, USA. Later he worked as a nutritionist and natural therapist in New Zealand and in Australia, where he is now based. He no longer has a clinic.

Walter Last has written numerous health-related journal articles as well as several books, including *Heal Yourself* and *Healing Foods* (Penguin). Presently

in print are *The Natural Way to Heal* (Hampton Roads, 2004; see review in NEXUS 11/04) and the *Heal Yourself* Series—seven small books about overcoming specific diseases such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, candida, diabetes and weight problems; see the web page http://www.theartof-life.com/Products_02.html. His two-part article "Sexual Energy in Health and Spirituality" was published in NEXUS 14/03-04; his article on "The New Medicine of Dr Hamer", about Dr Ryke Geerd Hamer's discovery of the shock-conflict mechanism underlying cancer development, was published in NEXUS 10/05; and his article "How Scientific Are Orthodox Cancer Treatments?" was run in NEXUS 11/04.

For information on health questions, see Walter Last's website <http://www.health-science-spirit.com>.

Editor's Note:

Due to space limitations, we are unable to publish the endnotes that accompany this article. They are available at Walter Last's website, <http://www.health-science-spirit.com>.

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The Kagyu monks charged that the Dalai Lama had overstepped his authority in attempting to select a leader for their sect. "Neither his political role nor his position as a lama in his own Gelugpa tradition entitled him to choose the Karmapa, who is a leader of a different tradition..."⁵⁹ As one of the Kagyu leaders insisted: "Dharma is about thinking for yourself. It is not about automatically following a teacher in all things, no matter how respected that teacher may be. More than anyone else, Buddhists should respect other people's rights—their human rights and their religious freedom."⁶⁰

What followed was a dozen years of conflict in the Tibetan exile community, punctuated by intermittent riots, intimidation, physical attacks, blacklisting, police harassment, litigation, official corruption and the looting and undermining of the Karmapa's monastery in Rumtek by supporters of the Gelugpa faction. All this has caused at least one western devotee to wonder if the years of exile were not hastening the moral corrosion of Tibetan Buddhism.⁶¹

What is clear is that not all Tibetan Buddhists accept the Dalai Lama as their theological and spiritual mentor. Though he is referred to as the "spiritual leader of Tibet", many see this title as little more than a formality. It does not give him authority over the four religious schools of Tibet other than his own, "just as calling the US president the 'leader of the free world' gives him no role in governing France or Germany".⁶²

Not all Tibetan exiles are enamoured of the old Shangri-La theocracy. Kim Lewis, who studied healing methods with a Buddhist monk in Berkeley, California, had occasion to talk at length with more than a dozen Tibetan women who lived in the monks' building. When she asked how they felt about returning to their homeland, the sentiment was unanimously negative. At first, Lewis assumed that their reluctance had to do with the Chinese occupation, but she was quickly informed otherwise.

They said they were extremely grateful "not to have to marry four or five men, be pregnant almost all the time" or deal with sexually transmitted diseases contacted from a straying husband. The younger

women "were delighted to be getting an education, wanted absolutely nothing to do with any religion, and wondered why Americans were so naïve" about Tibet. The women interviewed by Lewis recounted stories of their grandmothers' ordeals with monks who used them as "wisdom consorts".

By sleeping with the monks, the grandmothers were told, they gained "the means to enlightenment"—after all, the Buddha himself had to be with a woman to reach enlightenment. The women also mentioned the "rampant" sex that the supposedly spiritual and abstemious monks practised with each other in the Gelugpa sect. The women who were mothers spoke bitterly about the monastery's confiscation of their young boys in Tibet.

They claimed that when a boy cried for his mother, he would be told: "Why do you cry for her? She gave you up—she's just a woman."⁶³

The monks who were granted political asylum in California applied for public assistance. Lewis, herself a devotee for a time, assisted with the paperwork. She observed that they continue to receive government checks amounting to US\$550

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to \$700 per month, along with Medicare. In addition, the monks reside rent free in nicely furnished apartments. "They pay no utilities, have free access to the Internet on computers provided for them, along with fax machines, free cell and home phones and cable TV."

They also receive a monthly payment from their order, along with contributions and dues from their American followers. Some devotees eagerly carry out chores for the monks, including grocery shopping and cleaning their apartments and toilets. These same holy men, Lewis remarked, "have no problem criticizing Americans for their 'obsession with material things'".⁶⁴

To welcome the end of the old feudal theocracy in Tibet is not to applaud everything about Chinese rule in that country. This point is seldom understood by today's Shangri-La believers in the West.

The converse is also true: to denounce the Chinese occupation does not mean we have to romanticise the former feudal regime. Tibetans deserve to be perceived as actual people, not perfected spiritualists

or innocent political symbols. "To idealise them," noted Ma Jian, a dissident Chinese traveller to Tibet, now living in Britain, "is to deny them their humanity."⁶⁵

One common complaint among Buddhist followers in the West is that Tibet's religious culture is being undermined by the Chinese occupation. To some extent this seems to be the case. Many of the monasteries are closed, and much of the theocracy seems to have passed into history.

Whether Chinese rule has brought betterment or disaster is not the central issue here. The question is what kind of country was old Tibet. What I am disputing is the supposedly pristine spiritual nature of that pre-invasion culture. We can advocate religious freedom and independence for a new Tibet without having to embrace the mythology about old Tibet.

Tibetan feudalism was cloaked in Buddhism, but the two are not to be equated. In reality, old Tibet was not a Paradise Lost. It was a retrograde, repressive theocracy of extreme privilege and poverty, a long way from Shangri-La.

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The complete text of this article, together with endnotes (which we've had to delete due to our space constraints) can be found at web page <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=viewArticle&code=PAR20071118&articleId=7355>.

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statements questioning the integrity of contactee claims. Indeed, the eagerness with which UFO researchers established themselves as the gatekeepers of serious scientific research into UFOs and debunked contactee claims marks the most tragic aspect of six decades of research into UFOs and extraterrestrial life.

Another key factor in the success of Galactic COINTELPRO to the present time has been the compartmentalisation of ET-related information. This made it possible for intelligence agencies to perform specific functions within Galactic COINTELPRO without agents being informed of the truth of contactee claims. The success of debunking and discrediting contactees would have to depend on intelligence agents believing that contactees were a genuine security threat. Consequently, ET-related information was made available on a strict need-to-know basis, ensuring that only selected individuals within different intelligence agencies were briefed at all.

In conclusion, many pioneering men and women who may have accurately related

their physical contact with extraterrestrials had their reputations and careers systematically undermined by public officials, the mass media and UFO researchers.

It appears that such an outcome was intended as part of an official Galactic COINTELPRO that continues to the present day—in contrast to the 1971 termination of the FBI's COINTELPRO against political dissidents. It is very likely that individuals in public office, the mass media and the UFO research community may be active agents of an ongoing COINTELPRO against contactees.

It is hoped that exposure of Galactic COINTELPRO will help dispel the reflexive dismissal of contactee testimonies that so far has hindered an objective evaluation of direct physical contact between private citizens and extraterrestrial life.

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